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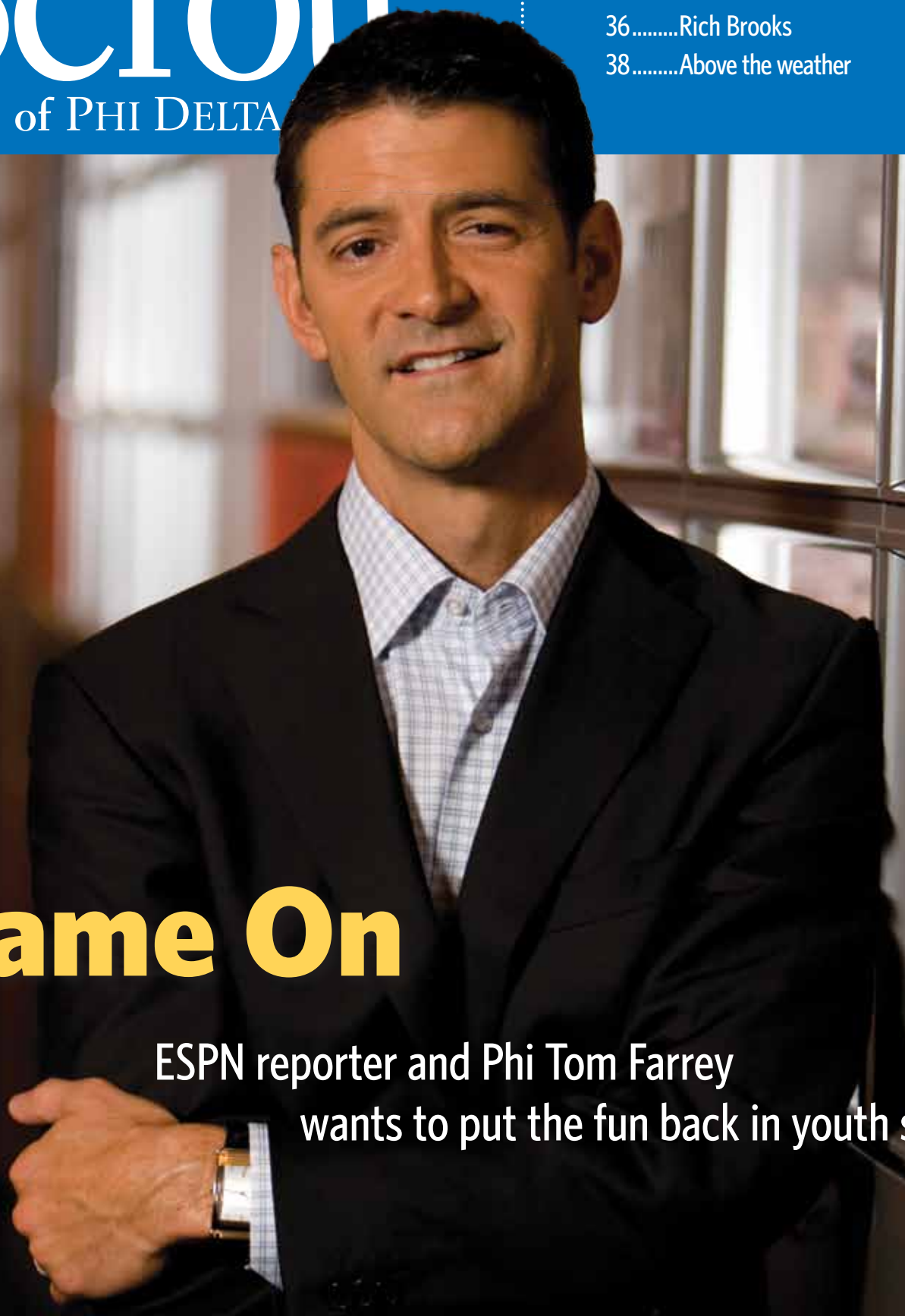
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ESPN reporter and Phi Tom Farrey
wants to put the fun back in youth sports



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Game On, ESPN's Tom Farrey

Author and ESPN correspondent Tom Farrey has published two books on youth sports and will be the MC of the inaugural Phi Sports HOF at convention this summer in Orlando.



Don Meredith is the Irrepressible One

Former All-American and Dallas Cowboys quarterback is still admired for his toughness and leadership during the first few seasons of the Cowboys.



Rich Brooks makes you 'Believe in Blue'

Leading the University of Kentucky to a 3-0 bowl game record, coach Brooks credits Phi Delta Theta for making him a well-rounded man and preparing him for the rest of his life.

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A tale of two Fraternities

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Those words from Charles Dickens aptly sum up the past several months for Phi Delta Theta. While this academic year has shown me and my fellow General Council members the what’s right about our organization, we’ve also had to confront the continuing challenge caused by hazing.

Let’s start with our successes. We continue to outpace our fellow men’s Greek organizations in both the number of young men we recruit and the quality of those men. Our chapters report high GPAs, ongoing community service efforts, wonderful philanthropy and our members continue to have success in the classroom, on the athletic field and around campus with the support of each other. We’ve attended several Founders’ Days and other alumni events and had the pleasure of seeing the bonds of brotherhood extend through the years, often aided by 21st century communication tools. It continues to be a great time a great time to be a Phi.

But, it’s also the worst of times as some of our members have reverted to dangerous and counterproductive hazing techniques that have risked lives, ruined reputations and cut academic careers short. As the father of two young Phis, my biggest fear was getting a call in the middle of the night that one of them was hurt in some way. I can only imagine how I would have felt if one of their “big brothers” was the cause of that harm.

The General Council and the General Headquarters staff will continue to try and educate chapter leaders on constructive ways to conduct new member activities. And, as we unfortunately were forced to do this fall, we will close chapters and suspend members. Again, to quote Dickens, “it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness.” My hope is that our members choose wisdom.

This issue of *The Scroll* focuses on Phi athletes as we roll out the Phi Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors Phi athletes who have gone on to have success as professional athletes.

We’re once again asking you to join Trey Wingo, thousands of other Phis and me in joining the True Blue Society. Not only does this program give you a great way to stay connected with other Phis, it will allow you to continue to support alumni programming and our great magazine and receive the printed edition of *The Scroll*. Remember, all members will continue to receive their lifetime subscription to *The Scroll* online starting with our fall/winter issue and will be notified of each new issue with an email, but True Blue Society members will continue to get the printed version in the mail. In addition to this great benefit, sign up today and you’ll receive a sharp-looking commemorative tie. For more information about the True Blue Society, go to www.truebluesociety.org or turn to the back cover of this issue.

Yours in the Bond,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Ochslein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark H. Ochslein
General Council President 2008–2010.

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Flying the flag

Mercer Phi shows his true colors at 10,000 feet

Shane Barker, an undergraduate at Mercer College, loves skydiving and is proud to be a Phi. He combined these two passions on a recent jump in St. Mary's Georgia (The Jumping Place) by holding a Phi Delt flag as he fell to the earth. Not an easy task, but his friend John Barnes (seen in the photo above) helped him by holding the flag.

"I had the owner of the drop zone sew a piece of vinyl around the edges of the flag so it would keep shape, and then we cut handholds at the bottom of it," Barker said. "Towards the end of the jump, John came over and handed me the flag which I held onto while I deployed my parachute, so I just hung onto it the whole way down under canopy."

Barker convinced another skydiver (known as "Wild Bill") to take the photo. ■

Don't miss a minute of Phi Delt news!



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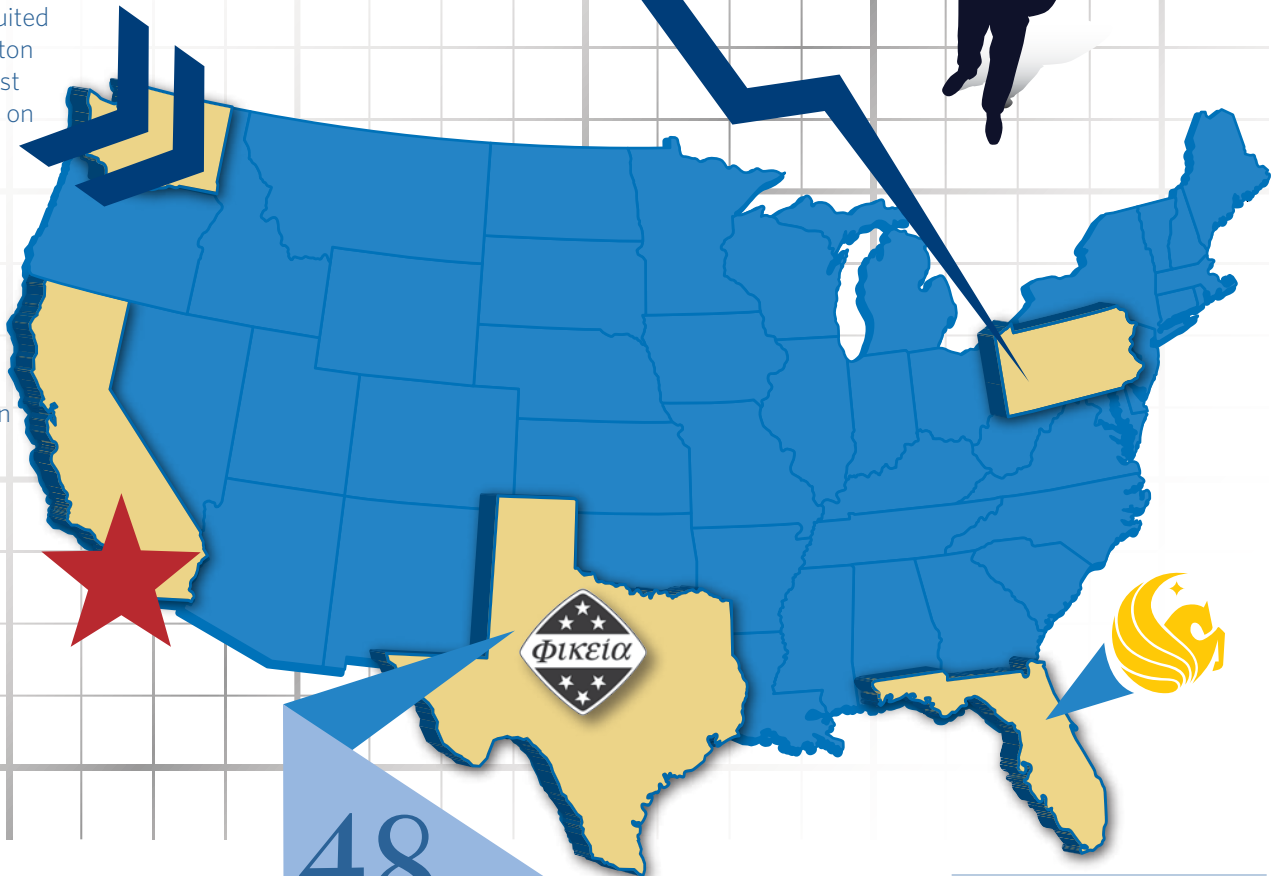
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Fall pledge total

133%
Chapter growth
Robert Morris University
with fall Phikeia class



25
Phikeias recruited
at Washington
Beta, largest
recruitment on
campus

67
San Diego State/
California Pi has
largest colonization
in Phi Delt history



48
Texas Tech
largest Phikeia class

60 New members
UCF/Florida Iota
now has 124!



01 Fully renovated California Delta house. Built in the late 1800s and engulfed by fire in 2004, the chapter house has been rebuilt and there are now over 30 students living in the house.



02 Over 200 Indiana Eta alum returned in September to celebrate their 40th anniversary and to also pay tribute to Dr. Donald Owen, who was a long-time faculty advisor.

Chapter News

University of Southern California California Delta

01| After nearly four years, the wait for a house is over for members of the Cal Delta chapter. On June 4th, members, alumni, and family gathered at the newly renovated house to finally get a look inside. Construction on the \$4 million project began in fall 2008 by Oltmans Construction, but the grand opening had been anticipated for almost seven years.

Approximately 120 guests in total arrived in the late evening and spent nearly an hour touring the house, followed by a dinner and group of speakers from the Cal Delta Housing Corp and Alumni Association.

The house, first constructed in the late 1800s and formerly the home of the Spanish Consulate in the early 20th Century, was emptied and boarded up in 2003 after the Fraternity faced a three-year suspension from the university. An alumni group succeeded in petitioning the university to restart the chapter in the early spring of 2004. One month later, however, the house was virtually burnt to the ground when a fire lit by a vagrant living in the house caught electrical wires and engulfed the entire building. Though no one was injured in the fire, enough damage was done to the house to render it uninhabitable.

Nevertheless, after an arduous process and over 100 interviews, a group of students was organized by alumni to restart the chapter. The chapter received some money to rebuild from

the fire, but the majority of the funding came from generous donations of alumni. Members had hopes of seeing the house finished much sooner, but due to city construction laws and permit requirements, construction on the house was significantly delayed. Even so, the chapter had been steadily growing, living in two different locations in lieu of the chapter house. Members began moving in starting in mid-June, and there are now over 30 students living in the house.

Indiana State University Indiana Eta

02| Indiana Eta celebrated its 40th anniversary on September 12, 2009, with a full day of activities including a golf tournament, campus tour, receptions at the new and original houses and a gala dinner for more than 250 Phiis and their guests.

Initially founded in 1869, the chapter dissolved a few years later and was re-colonized in 1969 by transfer students J. Terry Frey, DDS (Franklin) and Stuart Sharpe (Colorado State).

ISU President Daniel J. Bradley welcomed anniversary guests, many of whom were making their first visits back to campus since graduation.

During the dinner program, Province President Ryan K. Foncannon inducted 75 brothers into the Silver Legion, and chapter president Kyle Wigand introduced the 15 new pledges who received their pins from founders Frey and Sharpe. Frey, Sharpe and Joe Reed, *Indiana State* '98 received the chapter's first-ever Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The anniversary committee was led by Mark McGuire, '96, and Zach Pasley, '03. Ron Culp,

'70, served as toastmaster for the evening, the same role he performed 40 years ago to the day.

Many dinner guests made personal donations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 to retire the chapter's debt, and to launch the "Doc Owen Scholarship Fund" which was announced by Terry Frey to honor the late Donald Owen, PhD., Indiana Eta's long-time faculty adviser. A group of Indiana Eta alumni from northern Indiana also contributed over \$1,800 from a fund-raiser led by Dominic Zultanski.

Dr. Owen enrolled at the University of Kansas when he was 16-years-old, received an engineering degree in 1949 and went on to get a Masters degree from the University of Texas before earning a PhD in geology from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. Owen's family attended the dinner and his daughter, Kim, was named an honorary Phi for her long-time support of the chapter. Dr. Owen's daughter-in-law, the Rev. Jennifer Owen, led the group in the invocation.

In paying tribute to Dr. Owen, Frey recalled "Doc's vision for Indiana Eta" which was validated by the nearly 200 brothers who returned to Terre Haute in mid-September. Dr. Owen's wife, Marlowe, recalled her husband saying: "A fraternity isn't just a four-year college affiliation; a fraternity is a brotherhood for a lifetime."

Creighton University Nebraska Gamma

03| See photo.



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At the Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado are Nebraska Gamma brothers Adam Rensch, '09, Dylan MacInerney, '12, David Bresel, '10 and Stephen VanGamble, '12. CAB Chair Mike Dorsey, '03, accompanied them for two days of camping and hiking in the Rockies.



04

Kansas Epsilon's chapter house was a featured stop on the 2009 Lyon County Extension Master Gardeners' Landscape Tour.

Dalhousie University Nova Scotia Alpha

Our chapter has continued to grow and thrive in the last year. Recruitment has stayed as a focus of the chapter as can be seen by our great increase in numbers, and we have been becoming community leaders both together and as individuals.

Last year we recruited 20 new brothers to our ranks and still managed to grow on other fronts. In January we held our first community service road hockey tournament which is hoped to be an annual event. As well as this we furthered our relationship with Churchill Academy, a special needs school, by putting forward a Phi Delt work crew for a prize at their annual auction. This prize went for a few hundred dollars and the winner asked us to help paint his house in the summer. Also, we had our second summer cleaning of the school to help offset their janitorial costs.

This year is no different. The end of the summer allowed for some house renovations, including a new chapter room. A Phikeia class of 15 men are in training to join our ranks and the brothers are hard at work with our intramural soccer, football, and hockey teams which have recently started their seasons.

Individual brothers have been doing great things as well. Earlier in the year some brothers created their own community service organization and have held several events to raise money for charity. Two brothers became published authors of a scientific paper in *Langmuir*, while another two brothers joined the university men's rugby team.

However, one brother achieved a goal that he had been striving for. As of the start of the summer, Doyle Bond, a former vice president of the chapter, was elected as vice president of finance of the Dalhousie University's Student Union. We were all happy and proud of him for doing so.

—Keegan Colville

DePauw University Indiana Zeta

We are excited about the necessary renovations planned for our 82-year-old chapter house and 47-year-old "new addition." We will be installing a sprinkler system, examining other safety and health standards, including HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, enhancing technology, resident rooms and study areas, and providing improved meeting, greeting and hosting space. To help us with this, we have retained a development firm to assemble resources and an architectural firm to complete project concept drawings and cost estimates. Our alumni are rallying, and we look forward to sharing our progress.

Emporia State University Kansas Epsilon

04| In June we were a featured stop on the 2009 Lyon County Extension Master Gardeners' Landscape Tour. The annual tour of six private and one public garden raises funds for the educational programming budget for the Master Gardeners. The local Kansas State University Extension program trains local citizens to be garden resource people to serve Emporia and Lyon County, Kansas.

The Kansas Epsilon Chapter built a new house in 2007–08 receiving occupancy in March 2008. Between February and April alumni and undergraduates designed and installed the landscape under the supervision of brother Jeff Hamons, '98, of Hamons Custom Landscaping. Most of the installation was leveraged on a Saturday in April with an eight-hour blitz workday involving 30 alumni and undergraduates. Plants were selected that bloom in blue or white.

We appreciated the opportunity to be part of this unique community outreach. Our ADA compliant chapter home enabled a disabled Master Gardener to participate working from our porch. The day saw rain and a smaller participation than in other years. The chapter was proud to welcome guests to see its 14-month-old complete landscape installation while helping local Master Gardeners raise funds for the educational initiatives.

Epsilon Province

GA Alpha, GA Beta, GA Gamma, GA Delta, SC Gamma
05| See Photo.

Hanover College Indiana Epsilon

06| This past spring we claimed several important awards from the Hanover Greek Awards Ceremony and Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters. From Hanover: Most Improved Chapter, Most Improved Implementation of Founding Principles, Most Improved Leadership and Campus Involvement. From Phi Delta Theta



On October 24, active officer and chapter advisory board representatives from each of the five chapters of Epsilon Province participated in an Officer Retreat. This is the first annual event. Georgia Beta was host.



Indiana Epsilon celebrates Founders Day and their multiple awards. The chapter is looking forward to multiple improvement plans that will keep them moving onward and upward.

Nationally: Best Exterior Project (New Basketball Court) and Bigger's Ritual Trophy. We also held our first Founder's Day in recent memory. The house looked fantastic and it was a successful event. Hanover College President Dr. DeWine attended and gave a wonderful recap, "On a sunny afternoon I had the pleasure of joining the Phi Delt on their lawn with a number of alumni, and the entire current house, to celebrate their Founder's Day. It is this kind of activity that builds loyalty among the collegiate members and brings back alumni to reconnect with the chapter. I am pleased that Phi Delt continues to reach out to alumni in this way, as well as focusing their members on their own history." The house honored our House Corporation Chairman, Jon Bond, with the Alumni Service Award. We also honored Brother Zach Wojcik as the Brother with the most improved GPA. We hope to make this an event to be celebrated every two years. As the oldest, consecutive chapter on campus, it has been a great year for Indiana Epsilon.

Indiana Epsilon is on course to continually achieve greatness at all levels of fraternal life and campus life. We have bold new plans to improve the quality of our membership, academics, and the overall quality of our great chapter. The active brothers are currently remodeling the third floor to make it an improved social atmosphere. We are set to have a record breaking Winter Rush class. There are many potential new members out there and we are seeking out the best! Our Rush Chairmen, Jimmy Girot and Josh Myers, are doing an outstanding job. We are set for back to back I.M. Football Champions as well as

basketball. Scholarship Chairman Jacob Johnson and his committee are hard at work creating a new scholarship plan that will go into effect this semester. Indiana Epsilon is on the move upward.

— Andrew Cole

Johns Hopkins University Maryland Delta Colony

07 Colony member John Garcia, '11, was awarded the Superior Cadet Award by the Johns Hopkins Department of Military Science. Garcia was named the most outstanding ROTC MS II (sophomore) at the Johns Hopkins Leadership Recognition Program on April 20, 2009. The program was hosted by the JHU Department of Student Life. The Superior Cadet Award is presented to the most outstanding student in each year of the ROTC program. Cadets must be active in ROTC activities, strong leaders and students, and involved in athletics or other community activities.

Kent State University Ohio Lambda

We had a wonderful Halloween event hosting, along with Alpha Xi Delta, a party for the kids of the King Kennedy Center, which was established in Ravenna to fill children's free time with fun activities. We decorated cookies, painted pumpkins, and bobbed for apples, but the highlight was kicking through 6 inches of hay to find candy. The children, ages 3 to 15, really got involved and jumped right into the activities, even instructing us how to bob for apples.

Northwestern University Illinois Alpha

Northwestern University is celebrating the 150th anniversary of Greek Life, which coincides with our chapter's 150th anniversary. We were founded in 1859 when the campus consisted of only one building and four degrees were awarded to students at graduation. Though our chapter closed in 1861 with the start of the Civil War, and no new chapters would be formed until 1864, our founding is considered the beginning.

Ohio Wesleyan University Ohio Beta

What started as a sign of brotherhood by growing mustaches has evolved into a benefit for ALS for our chapter. We are accepting individual donations, and every dollar we raise is another day with a fu Manchu, freestyle or pencil mustache, and an end date hasn't been set. In addition to "Stashes for Cashes", we also volunteered at the ALS walk that raised around \$134,000.

Rollins College Florida Beta

We are currently on a roll in Intramural Athletics, winning the last three sports championships (Softball, Soccer, and Basketball). We are preparing for the flag football season now in hopes of making it four championships in a row.

Florida Beta is also doing very well with philanthropy and community service events. We currently lead all of Greek life at Rollins with nearly 260 hours of community service, which amounts to almost seven hours/brother. We have worked



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Maryland Delta Colony member John Garcia, '11, was awarded the Superior Cadet Award by the Johns Hopkins Department of Military Science on April 20, 2009.



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For nine years, the Ohio Theta Chapter has recognized the academic success and leadership exhibited by members of the chapter and incoming UC students.

recently with the Special Olympics and Florida Citrus Sports, and have developed relationships that we hope to maintain in the future.

We are also featured on the front cover of "The Sandspur", our school newspaper, for our tremendous cocktail event that benefitted the wounded warriors project. The link to the newspaper article is <http://www.thesandspur.org/>

On November 7th, we had our Fifth Annual Ro Cheadle Memorial Golf Tournament which was a great success.

—Zachary Gilbert

University of Cincinnati Ohio Theta

08 | On Sunday, September 20, the Ohio Theta Scholarship Reception and Program occurred at the chapter house and at the student center on campus. A total of 22 academic grants were presented: 14 to members of Ohio Theta and eight to incoming University of Cincinnati students.

Grants total \$17,148 from Ohio Theta Fund and \$2,000 from the OHT-Melchiorre Fund.

This was the ninth year that the Ohio Theta Chapter has recognized the academic success and leadership exhibited by members of the chapter and incoming UC students.

Scholarship awards ranged from \$250 to \$3,000. Six additional students were recognized with gift certificates to the UC Bookstore.

During the festivities, Don Melchiorre, '59, was also recognized as Chapter Advisory Board Chairman Emeritus.

University of La Verne California Rho

09 | On March 15, 2009, the California Zeta chapter hosted the Omicron South Founders Day at California State University-Northridge where alumni and actives came together to talk about memories, the chapter, and to bond as Brothers. Special Phis were honored with the Silver Legion Ceremony, and General Council Officer Chris Lapple was the guest speaker. The event was organized by Brother Scott Watterson, '09.

University of Michigan Michigan Alpha

10 | On March 28th, the Michigan Phis collaborated with Ann Arbor Active Against ALS (A2A3, www.a2a3.org), a local non-profit organization, for the first annual boxcar derby and picnic to raise money for ALS research and patient care. The event was an incredible success, raising over \$2,000 and solidifying a stronger relationship between Greek Life at Michigan and the Ann Arbor community. The entire chapter came together over the course of the semester to help plan and execute the event, which also included a race car build day two weeks prior to the derby for groups of local children and their families. Co-chairs Patrick Moore, '09, and Ben Kaufman, '09, worked closely with the A2A3 board to establish a partnership between Phi Delta Theta and the organization for many years to come. A2A3 President Suzanne Ross said that "it was a pleasure to partner with Phi Delta Theta in hosting the derby. The event was entertaining for children and raised much needed resources

for research to cure this terrible disease. We were impressed with the ingenuity and commitment of the Phi Delt men to envision the derby and make it a big success." Additionally, thanks go out to Greg Karmazin, '87, and the Michigan Alpha Alumni Association for their support. The event even received local media coverage, and excitement is already building in the chapter house and greater community for the second annual derby!

University of Vermont Vermont Alpha

In the spring at the annual Greek Awards Ball, for the second year in a row we won the Gold Chapter Status, Excellence in Chapter Management and Operations, and Excellence in Leadership Development and Education. Individually Alex Offer, '11, was named to the Service Honor Roll for his participation in Alternative Spring Break; Robert "Alex" Robbins, '10, won Outstanding Junior of the Year; Thomas Martin, '09, received the Community Pillar award for his outstanding commitment to managing the Greek website and setting up educational programming for members of the community.

Andrew "PJ" Kasprisin, '09, was named to the Service Honor Roll for doing 125 hours of Community Service throughout the academic year, and he also won the Outstanding Greek Man of the Year. Along with this prestigious honor, an award was named after him for his service to the community, called the "One Man Is No Man Commitment to Service Award."



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California Rho honored Phis with the Silver Legion ceremony on March 15, 2009.



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On March 28th, the Michigan Alpha Phis held the first annual boxcar derby and picnic to raise money for ALS research and patient care. The event raised over \$2,000!



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The finishing touch of the 'new' Kansas Delta fraternity house is added with the Phi crest.

Wichita State University Kansas Delta

11 | Founded in 1927 at the then University of Wichita as a local fraternity, Phi Upsilon Sigma, we were the first fraternity on campus to have a chapter house, the first on campus to own our own chapter house and then the first to build our own chapter house. The chapter affiliated with Phi Delta Theta in 1959, followed with an expansion and remodel of the existing facility.

In 1988, an alumni group, which I chaired, began a fund raising campaign to build another new chapter house. Our existing facility was in deplorable condition but we still were

in a competitive position among the other fraternities. Choice of locations was limited but over two acres of land existed next to sorority row. The property became available at a sheriff's auction, and we bought the property against no other bidders!

We built our new chapter house for several reasons. It was long overdue; we needed to do it out of concern for the safety of our active chapter; and we did it for ourselves. Our architect was a Phi, and so were the general contractor, interior decorator, attorney, fund raiser, paint and wallpaper contractor, HVAC supplier and installer. Paving and concrete, kitchen

equipment, window treatment, and various in-kind gifts fit into the puzzle as well.

The chapter house is four floors with a total of 13,500 square feet and designed to house 40 men. The 'new' chapter house was completed in 1993 except for a crest for the front façade. Now, with a second wind it's done! So many men were part of this endeavor, all serving essential functions and a special thank you goes to all of them.

—Clark Jackson '76

Chapters need:

CAB Chairmen & Members

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[California Nu](#)-California Polytechnic State University
[Florida Zeta](#)-Jacksonville University
[Indiana Delta](#)-Franklin College
[Maryland Beta](#)-McDaniel College
[Texas Lambda](#)-Baylor University
[Texas Sigma](#)-Schreiner University
[Wisconsin Beta](#)-Lawrence University

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[Connecticut Alpha](#)-Central Connecticut State Univ.
[Connecticut Beta](#)-University of Hartford
[Florida Epsilon](#)-University of South Florida

[Florida Zeta](#)-Jacksonville University
[Florida Iota](#)-University of Central Florida
[Illinois Eta](#)-University of Illinois
[Indiana Beta](#)-Wabash College
[Indiana Zeta](#)-DePauw University
[Indiana Theta](#)-Purdue University
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[Wisconsin Epsilon](#)-St. Norbert College

House Corporation Members needed:

[Colorado Gamma](#)-Colorado State University



01

At the Central Florida Founders Day Brother Dabney Davis congratulates Fritz Pfeiffer on 65 years of being a Phi.



02

Club members at the May 27, 2009 Central New York Founders Day are Silver Legionnaires Len Brown, Steve Ranieri, Andrew Larew and Rich Roberts.

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Location varies
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Fort Lauderdale

Second Friday | Noon
Lauderdale Yacht Club
Contact: brett@circe.com

Houston

Monthly Meetings (October–April)
Contact: houston.phideltatheta.org, beth@gpginvest.com, chris.job@shamrockventuresinc, or (713) 522-9554

Milwaukee

Last Friday | Noon
Mader's Restaurant (Old World Third Street)
Contact: Greg Sommersberger (262) 240-3577 or GSommersberger@nwbaird.com

Northern Nevada

First Friday | Noon
La Pinata Restaurant (corner of Vassar Street and Keitzke Lane), Reno
Contact: Rudy Calizo (775) 848-7839 or may34th.film@sbcglobal.net

Oklahoma City

Third Friday | Noon
Contact: Ross Brown (405) 359-2970 or playupplayup@hotmail.com

Palm Beach

Second Thursday | Noon
Crowns Plaza Hotel, West Palm Beach (across from the airport at Australia and Belvedere Roads)
Contact: James Lea (561) 848-5200 or bcjwleac@bellsouth.net

Pittsburgh

First Thursday | 6:30 pm
Primanti Bros. (4501 Steubenville Pike in Crafton)
Contact: Dan DeMarco (412) 722-0220 or DDeMarco@hillgroupinc.com

San Francisco

First Friday | Noon
Schroeder's (240 Front Street near the Embarcadero BART station)
Contact: Dennis Sidbury (415) 902-5834 or sidbury@cal.berkeley.edu

Southwest Missouri

First Friday | Noon
Contact: Matt Raithe (417) 823-8128 or alumni@missouriepsilon.com

If other alumni clubs would like their regularly scheduled meetings listed here, contact Sean Wagner (swagner@phideltatheta.org).

Club News

Central Florida (Orlando) Alumni

Contact: Greg Rhodes, greghodnes@email.com

01 | At our April 29 Founders Day at the University club, we had 50 brothers, guests, and actives on hand to help celebrate. The evening started with a social hour, followed by dinner. After dinner, Dann Pottinger, an expert on the history of Orlando, gave an informative presentation of historic homes in Orlando, including stories to go along with those histories.

Six actives from the Florida Iota chapter at UCF helped with the Founding Ceremony honoring Walter Blackburn (Indiana Beta, 50 years), Frank Engs (Georgia Beta, 50 years), Harlow Middleton (Florida Alpha, 50 years), Paul Senft (Georgia Beta, 50 years), Carl Dickinson (Ohio Iota, 55 years), John Williamson (Georgia Alpha, 55 years) and Frederick Pfeiffer (North Carolina Beta, 65 years).

Brothers Engs and Senft hadn't seen each since college, and were pleasantly reunited to receive their Golden Legion pins together. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Iowa City Alumni

Contact: Carl Hirschman (515) 321-3161

We held our Founders Day celebration on April 25 to coincide with the Iowa Beta colony parents weekend. The honored guest of the afternoon was Walter Willett who joined Iowa Beta in 1931.

San Diego Alumni

Contact: Stephen Mendiola, (858) 675-4437 or sdphi@sdphidelt.com

In June we celebrated the 20-year reunion of the "first" colonization of the California Pi chapter at San Diego State. This was a three-day event that included a Padre vs Oakland A's game, golfing, the reunion event and brunch on the last day. We appreciate the hard work of Chris Olvera, Dave Gardner, Manny Terzoli, Garrett Yee and George Brynd for helping make the event memorable for everyone. In 2010 we will be hosting a wine tour of Napa Valley. Check out our website www.sdphidelt.com for details.

Although the chapter closed, many of us stayed close though the club, and we have been working together to help get the chapter back on campus.

Syracuse Alumni

Richard Roberts, RobertsRM@aol.com

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We want to hear from you!

Let other brothers know what your club is up to. Write us a line (100 words or less) or send us a picture. Electronic submissions should be sent to scroll@phideltatheta.org. Digital photos should be at least 300 dpi in resolution or on a digital camera's highest-quality setting. Hard copies can be sent to GHQ attn: The Scroll Editor, 2 South Campus Avenue, Oxford, OH 45056. Letters may be edited for clarity, content or length while photos may be edited for reproduction quality.



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Alabama

Cullen Millsap, '10, returned to campus after serving two tours of duty in Iraq as a Marine. He is now the chapter president. During his first tour, **Philip Schermer, Auburn, '10**, one of his friends and fellow Marines, drove over a land mine and shattered his foot. When they were reunited they made a pact to become presidents of their chapters and graduate from college. Both are on track as Schermer is also the Alabama Beta chapter president.

Arizona

01 | Ron Walker, '60, is president of the Richard Nixon Foundation in Yorba Linda, Calif. From 1969 to 1972 he was a Special Assistant to President Nixon, responsible for coordinating and planning the President's historic trips to the People's Republic of China and to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. He also served as chairman and chief executive officer of the 50th American Presidential Inaugural Committee and was manager of the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas.

Ball State

In July **Michael Fancer, '09**, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army.

California State-Northridge

Frank Lapple, '57, has been inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame. Credited for his personal attitude and team leadership, he is an outstanding first baseman and power hitter.

California State-Sacramento

Kurt Caceres (Heinzman), '98, is the co-star in the new Alan Jacobs' feature film *Down for Life (Por Vida)* which premiered at the 2009 Toronto Film Festival in September. It is based on a true story depicting a single dramatic day in the life of a Latina gang leader in South Central L.A. It also stars Snoop Dogg and Danny Glover.

Colgate

Ron Kutrieb, '64, and his chapter brothers **Jim Yanni, '64**, and **Dave Kline, '83**, are all directors in AccuPax, LLC, a specialty mail-order pharmacy aimed at providing medications primarily for seniors. Ron was the founder and first



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president of the Colgate Club of Milwaukee and spent the first years of his business career in commercial real estate.

Colorado State

Nate Golon, '02, created, produced and co-starred in the new web series, *Workshop*, that takes an inside look at the struggle of the L.A. actor. It was a 13-episode comedic series that began airing August 10. Each episode was ten minutes. The website for this is www.WORKSHOPtheseries.com.

DePauw

Tim Collins, '78, chief executive officer of Ripplewood Holdings LLC, has been named as an outside director of Citigroup. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Reader's Digest Association, RHJ International, S.A., RSC Holdings and Commercial International Bank of Egypt.

John Herrick, '10, has been named one of the top 20 collegiate sports broadcasters in the country by Sportscasters Talent Agency of America. He has served as sports director of student radio station WGRE and broadcasts football, basketball, baseball and softball and hosts the sports-talk program, *The Sports Reporters*.

Mark Roesler, '78, chairman, CEO and founder of CMG Worldwide Inc., started his company when he realized that the likenesses of dead celebrities were being used in commercials and products without the permission of their surviving relatives. Over the years he has lobbied to enact laws that protect the images of famous personalities after they've passed away. He recently was the topic of a report aired on *60 Minutes*.

Emporia State

02 | In addition to a vigorous schedule as a free-lance musician (bass trombone and tuba), **Steve Traylor, '78**, is the Director of Bands and Fine Arts Recruiter of Central Wyoming College in Riverton, Wyo. He has performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Colorado Ballet and Denver Municipal Band, as well as the jazz groups Fat City Mardi Gras Band, Neophonic Jazz Orchestra, Queen City Jazz Band and Dixieland Express.



Sanaka Samarasinha, '91, is currently working for the United Nations Development Programme, posted in Myanmar. The agency helps underdeveloped countries strengthen economically and addresses issues or conditions that compromise development. Before coming to Emporia State as a student, he was a student in the School of Law at the University of Colombo (Sri Lanka) and worked as a journalist stringer covering the Sri Lanka beat for local bureaus and Western news organizations. Safety reasons and the general deteriorating situation in the country led him to Kansas. In addition to joining Kansas Epsilon, he was editor of *The Bulletin*.

Florida

To honor our veterans and brighten VA hospitals, **John Feight, '63**, and The Foundation for Hospital Art sponsored the Great American Paint Fest. The Foundation's quest is to place paintings in every single hospital in the world, to make hospitals our most beautiful places for healing.

Indiana State

John Vittalto, '88, is a member of the NASA Solar System Ambassadors program that is a public outreach effort that provides training and materials to members to help them share the excitement of NASA's missions and information about recent scientific discoveries. Recently he has been sharing information about the Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn where the Huygens probe has landed on Titan, Saturn's largest moon, which is currently the farthest location in space to have a human-made object land on it. He is also an engineer at Motorola.

Indiana University

Mike Rabold, '59 (dec.), was inducted into the Indiana University Sports Hall of Fame in November. He was captain of the football team in 1958 and was named as the most valuable player. He played in the NFL for nine years and was a member of the 1963 Chicago Bears championship team. He was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 1977 and was one of the founders of the Indiana Football High School All-Star game.

Kansas

Todd Crawford, '09, has received several awards to help further his studies at the Kansas University School of Medicine. He won a \$2,000 national Phi Kappa



Phi Award of Excellence. Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society that recognizes outstanding achievement by students. He also received the \$1,500 Blackiston Memorial Graduate Fellowship and the Agnes Wright Strickland Award that recognizes graduating seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and in campus leadership.

Kansas State

Sam Felsenfeld, '98, has committed to run in 60 marathons to raise money and awareness for Train 4 Autism. He has named what he is doing "Operation Jack," after his son, Jack, who is severely autistic. We can find out more details and track his progress at www.operationjack.com.

Kentucky

At the 2009 May Commencement at the University of Kentucky, **Aun Munis, '09**, received the Sullivan Medallion that recognizes individuals whose outstanding commitment to community service shows characteristics of heart, mind and conduct. He was chosen for his leadership of fundraising events on behalf of the Catholic Action Center, a shelter for homeless men, women and children. He also helped plan and organize events to raise funds for Lexington's ALS Foundation and Service for Sight, among other things.

Minnesota State, Mankato

03 | Daniel Mundahl, '86, received the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Fitterer Service Award from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is one of 12 alumni who have been named 2009 award winners. He is the chief administrative officer of Bethany Lutheran College and has been an adviser to our Minnesota Beta chapter.

Nebraska-Lincoln

Gary Schmidt, '75, won his age-group title (55-59) at the USA Track and Field Throws National Championships in August, finishing 140 points ahead of the second place finisher, despite having shoulder surgery in late January. He coaches track and field at Santa Rosa Christian High School.

Oklahoma

At Homecoming in October, **Arch Gilbert, '55**, and his wife, Jo, received an honorary class ring that honors exceptional alumni. They have created a

Sooner Heritage Scholarship endowment, as well as a Professorship of Law. They are both on the OU Campaign for Scholarship committee and are avid Sooner athletic boosters. He has his own law practice in Fort Worth.

Oklahoma State

Alexander Duckworth, '83, has been promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General of the Kansas National Guard. The ceremony took place on June 27 at the 35th Infantry Division Headquarters, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

University of the Pacific

Boulder Dam Brewing, a small craft brewery in the Las Vegas area, has been named “Best Microbrewery” by the *Las Vegas Review Journal* in their annual “Best of Las Vegas.” **Todd Cook, '91**, is the owner/brewer. It is also in the running for *In Business Las Vegas* Angel Award for “Philanthropic Business of the Year-Private.”

Pittsburgh

The Pennsylvania Business Council elected TMG Health founder, president & CEO **John T. Tighe III, '77**, as its newest chairman. As a founder of one of the largest employers in Northeastern Pa., he has grown his business into the leading business process outsourcing company for Medicare and Medicaid programs in the country.

Ringling

Sean Brennan, '94, has been appointed the Executive Director of the Tampa Bay chapter of AIGA | the professional association for design. In his role, Brennan's primary responsibility is to serve as the chief executive officer of the chapter and supervise and control the business and affairs of the chapter. Founded in 1914, AIGA is the largest and oldest professional association for design. His firm, Brennan Design Strategies, develops design-driven, ethical, sustainable strategies for individuals, organizations and educational institutions including design curricula, brand strategy development and positioning, corporate identity systems and environmental graphic design. Brennan also served as a Phi Delta Theta chapter consultant from 1994–1996.

South Dakota

Eugene Vidal, '16, (dec.) was director of the Commerce Department's Bureau of Air Commerce in the Roosevelt administration (1933–37). He was also co-founder of three American airlines: the Ludington Line, which merged with others and became Eastern Airlines, Transcontinental Air Transport (which became TWA), and Northeast Airlines, which he founded with Amelia Earhart, as well as the Boston and Maine Railroad. He attended and played football at South Dakota, Nebraska and Army College. He then played for the Washington Senators for one year, and was an athlete in the 1920 and 1924 Summer Olympics (seventh in the decathlon; U.S. pentathlon team coach). As a close friend of Amelia Earhart, he is portrayed in the newly released movie, *Amelia*, by Ewan McGregor.

Southern California

Newly elected city attorney for Los Angeles is **Carmen Trutanich, '72**. He also has his MBA from USC and his law degree from South Bay University College of Law. As Deputy D.A., he worked in the Hard Core Gang

Division and then the Environmental Crimes/OSHA Division. In 1998 he founded his firm, Trutanich-Michel LLP, continuing his focus on environmental litigation.

Texas–El Paso

At the Best of El Paso Party hosted by the *El Paso Magazine*, **Bernie Maese, '09**, was presented as the winner in the best website category. His website, Paydirt Podcast, is an original video podcast that showcases and reports on the events that occur around campus. He serves as the editor, producer, director and co-host. The weekly podcast can be seen at www.paydirtpodcast.com.

Texas Tech

J.C. Chambers, '54, has been selected by the Lubbock Area Foundation as the 2009 Hero of the Year. The award recognizes a lifelong servant to the community—a Lubbock visionary, pioneer and hero. It was said, “J.C. has and continues to be an example of servant leadership. If there is a need in Lubbock, J.C. has stood ready to give his time, effort and resources to make sure that need is met.”

04 | Mickey McKenzie, '66, and **Vernon Paul, '68**, were both honored by Texas Epsilon on Oct. 3. McKenzie was honored with a portrait and a plaque that will hang in the chapter room for his leadership and financial contributions to the chapter lodge. Paul was honored for his service as chapter adviser from 2002 to 2009. There will be a portrait of him and a plaque in the chapter room and the room was officially renamed “The Vernon Paul Chapter Room.”

The presentations came at the end of a Chapter Church held at the lodge as the ending activity of Parents Weekend at Texas Tech. Approximately 200 parents, alumni, members and Phikeia attended.

Michael Molina, A.I.A., '89, has acquired JDMA, Inc., one of the leading architectural firms in the West Texas region. Prior to acquiring JDMA, he served as the Vice President of Facilities & Design Development for United Supermarkets, Ltd.

Vanderbilt

Dr. O. Gordon Robinson, '53, has received the Ira L. Myers Service Award by the Alabama Medical Association. The award is presented to members who have served the medical profession faithfully and meritoriously during their lifetime. What began in 1979 as a two-year commitment to the Christian Medical Society to provide medical care in Central America became 26 years of care to the people of Coyoles, Honduras, one of the poorest countries in Central America. He began his career as a pediatric plastic surgeon performing cleft lip and palate repair and he now has a practice in the Lake Martin area of central Alabama.

W. Anderson Spickard Jr., M.D., '53, was honored by the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse with the establishment of an award in his name. The W. Anderson Spickard Jr. Excellence in Mentorship award was created to recognize Spickard's longstanding commitment to mentoring junior faculty in the topics of career development and Addiction Medicine.

05 | In July, five chapter brother from the class of 1971 celebrated their 60th birthdays with a fishing trip to Montana. With their wives, they are **Frank Northrup**, **Halsey Fischer**, **Tom Wittenbraker**, **Don "Duck" Johnston** and **Bob Boswell**.

Wabash

Jake Martin, '03, has been named the interim head baseball coach at DePauw University. While at Wabash he was a four-year starter and letterwinner as an outfielder and pitcher. He has a master's degree from Indiana State University and has been the assistant baseball coach at DePauw for the past six seasons.

Washington College

At commencement **William Bruce, '09**, received the Sophie Kerr Prize, the largest literary award in the country (\$68,814) exclusively for undergraduates. The award is given annually to the graduating senior who demonstrates the greatest ability and promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor. He was one of 31 students to submit a portfolio for consideration this year.

Washington University

William Siedhoff, '64, received the 2009 Gerry and Bob Virgil Ethic of Service Award from Washington University-St. Louis. The award is given annually to a select group of university community members to honor those who believe in and shape the future of the St. Louis Region. He is the Director of the Department of Human Services for the City of St. Louis and serves on over 35 boards and committees at the local, state and national level.

Whitman

Congressman **Walter Minnick, '64**, is serving in his first term as the Congressman from Idaho's First Congressional District. He serves on the House Agricultural Committee and the House Financial Services Committee. After winning the election he resigned from Summerwinds, a company he founded which has grown into one of the ten largest retail-nursery chains in the country.

Wichita State

The voice of the Phoenix Suns, **Gary Bender, '62**, has endowed a scholarship in Broadcast Communication at Wichita State. He launched his career calling games for the Jayhawks' basketball and football programs and is best known for the two NCAA Basketball Championships he called when Michael Jordan's North Carolina team beat Georgetown in 1982, and the next season when North Carolina State beat Houston with the "shot heard around the world." He also called the "Hail Mary pass" when Roger Staubach beat the Minnesota Vikings and the 1988 speed skating event at the Calgary Olympics.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Alpha Chapter Housing Association awarded **E. Herb Tinney III, '63**, the Frank Lloyd Wright Leadership Award on September 27, 2009, for the academic, social, and creative examples he set. He was personally

responsible for bringing in over 24 members. He is currently disabled but inspiring to talk to, especially in the current stock market as he once had a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade.

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Events of Interest

MN Beta Founders Day

When: March 20, 2010

Contact: Jim Whitlock
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Missouri Epsilon 25th Anniversary

When: April 17, 2010

Contact: Joe Passanise
Joe@entrapped.com

Dallas Alumni Club Founders Day

When: March 27, 2010

Contact: Tyler Wear
Tylerwear@aol.com

Florida Delta Founders Day

When: April 17-18, 2010

Contact: Harrison Raboy
h.raboy@umiami.edu

Georgia Gamma Founders Day

When: March 27, 2010

Contact: Russell Fryar
russellfryar@hotmail.com

Wisconsin Gamma 50th Anniversary

When: April 23-25, 2010

Contact: William Schultz
schultzw@ripon.edu

Pennsylvania Beta Founders Day

Contact: March 27, 2010

Contact: Nicholas Pollera
Pollni01@gettysburg.edu or
908-227-0956

Ohio Beta 150th Anniversary

When: April 25, 2010

Contact: Andy Warnock
atwarnock@redcapitalgroup.com

Arlington, Texas Founders Day

When: March 27, 2010

Contact: Kelly Curnutt
KCurnutt@CurnuttHafer.com

South Carolina Beta Founders Day

When: April 30-May 2, 2010

Contact: Pete Kennedy
petekennedy@bellsouth.net
(803) 730-7090

Great Smoky Mountains Founders Day

When: March 30, 2010

Contact: Allen Edwards:
Pdt1970@yahoo.com

Indiana Theta 20th Phi Open

When: August 14, 2010

Contact: Andy Beasley
beasgolf@gmail.com

Fort Worth Founders Day

When: April 1, 2010

Contact: Warren York
wtyork@charter.net or
817-731-8281

PA Mu 25th Anniversary

When: October 1-2, 2010

Contact: Michael D'Agostino
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Md. Gamma/Pa. Beta Lacrosse Event

When: April 3, 2010

Contact: Brendan Cunningham
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For more information on an alumni club near you, please view the following link:

http://www.phideltatheta.org/alumniclubs_us.asp. If you are aware of an event not posted above, please contact Sean Wagner, swagner@phideltatheta.org, with this information. Thank you.



Taylor Ashby, Texas Tech



Tim Steggall, Texas-Arlington

Casey Lytle, Kansas
Photo by Jeff Jacobsen, Kansas Athletics

Spring Sports

BY JAY LANGHAMMER, SPORTS EDITOR

Baseball

Catcher/DH **Hunt Woodruff** was a key contributor for the 40–18 **TCU** team which played in the NCAA Division I Super Regionals. He was the school's winner of the Dutch Meyer Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award given to the graduating senior with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 who has been an integral participant on his team while demonstrating service to the campus and community. Hunt was an All-MWC Scholar-Athlete Award winner and an Academic All-NWC first team selection. His top season highlight was hitting a two-run homer in the ninth inning to beat Utah, 8–7.

All-Big 12 honorable mention outfielder **Taylor Ashby** of **Texas Tech** was third with a .330 average (74 of 224); led with 17 doubles and 12 stolen bases while ranking second with 47 runs batted in. Teammate **Mason Macnoll** had 13 starts in the Tech outfield. **Puget Sound** initiate **Tim Steggall** transferred to **Texas-Arlington** and started all 56 games at shortstop for the 30–26 Mavericks. He was third with 37 runs; drove in 29 runs; hit 14 doubles; and batted .255 (60 of 235). Following the season, he signed as a free agent with the Texas Rangers. **Kansas** outfielder **Casey Lytle** was a regular for the 39–24 Jayhawks and hit .272 (46 of 169) with a team high 11 stolen bases, 39 runs scored and 23 RBI.

The **Davidson** squad featured 16 Phis, led by All-Southern Conference second team DH **Danny Weiss**, who ranked third with a .323 average (51 of 158). He tied for second with 37 RBI and had 30 runs scored, 14 doubles and six home runs. Named to the All-SoCon Freshman Team was first sacker/outfielder **Drew Gadaire**, who hit .289 (50 of 173) with 32 RBI, 29 runs and 11 homers. Others seeing starting duty in the field were catcher **Will General**, outfielder **Sam Payne** and infielder **Graham Chapman**. Pitcher **Mike Frongello** had a 4.47 ERA, a 3–2 record and a team-high 34 games. **Thomas Middour** pitched in 19 games and led with 69.2 innings and 53 strikeouts. Other mound men seeing a lot of action were **Matt Sliwiak** (3–1), **Chris Lamb**, **Ryan Overcash**, **Ian Horkey**, **Mac Hunter** and **Andy Bass**.

ABC A Division III third team All-American catcher **Mark Rockey** led 16 Phis on the **Puget Sound** squad. He hit .444 (59 of 133) with 13 homers, 49 RBI, 41 runs and a school record 17 doubles. He was also on the Division III All-West Region first team. All-Northwest Conference second team pitcher **Cameron Duvall** was 4–5 in a team-high 70 innings and **Tim Fogarty** gained All-NWC mention after a 5–2 record in 65.2 innings. Other All-NWC honorable mention Phis were second baseman **Dakota Resnik**, who hit .399 (59 of 148); outfielder **Gregg Ringold**, who batted .341 (42 of 123); and catcher **Jason Powell**, a .293 hitter. Others seeing regular duty included first baseman **David Thirlby** (.299), outfielder **Doug Cox** (.279), infielder **Travis Hernandez** (.271), pitcher **Spencer Crace** and outfielders **Devin Black** and **Chaz Kramer**.

Five Phis led **DePauw** to a 22–19 record. DH **Mike Stout** won All-SCAC first team honors, batting .317 (45 of 142) with a team high eight homers and 39 RBI. Also on the All-SCAC first team was outfielder **Justin Weiner**, who hit .295 (41 of 139) with 42 stolen bases. All-SCAC honorable mention shortstop **Ben Gardner** was co-leader with a .376 average (53 of 141) and stole 27 bases. Other regulars were outfielder **Chris Schenk** (.274) and catcher **Sam Linette**. Catcher **Craig Barrows** of **Gettysburg** won All-Centennial Conference second team honors after hitting .370 (34 of 92). Teammates who started were infielder **Mike Backus**, who hit .292 (38 of 130) with a team-best 31 runs and 15 steals, and first baseman **Scott Vladyka**, a .271 hitter (38 of 140).

Catcher **Will Lewis** hit .356 (52 of 146) for the 22–15 **Washington & Lee** Division III playoff team. He led with 28 RBI, scored 29 runs and hit three homers. Teammate **Drew Dezen** hit .303 (27 of 89) with 21 RBI. Pitcher Tom Dodd had a 3.12 ERA in 16 games for the 35–14 **Washington & Jefferson** club. A leading hurler for **Allegheny** was **James Fago**, who had a 3–0 record and three saves in 15 contests. Batting .303 (35 of 114) for 20–13–1 **Chicago** was first baseman **Scott Hofer**, who hit three homers and drove in a team-best 31 runs. DH/catcher **Scott Boone** hit .280 (35 of 125) with a team-high 33 runs for **Southwestern** and was joined by teammates **Chris Lowry**, **Matt Gruentzner** and **Nick Cox**. **Hanover** infielder **Adam Miller** hit .263 (36 of 137).



Danny Weiss, Davidson

Mark Rockey, Puget Sound
Photo by Ross Mulhausen, Puget Sound CommunicationsBen Gardner, DePauw
Photo by Joe Angeles, WUSTL Photo Services

Golf

Walter Koelbel of **Kansas** was the number two shooter with a 74.63 average over 32 rounds. He had low rounds of 67 at the Desert Shootout, two 68s and a 69, with a tie for third at the Louisiana Classic (211). Teammate **Patrick Roth** averaged 77.0 for eight rounds. **Tom Hanna III** of **Maryland** averaged 77.6 with a low of 69 at the River Landing Intercollegiate. **Joe Gibson** earned All-ODAC second team honors for **Washington & Lee** after placing seventh at the ODAC meet. He averaged 78.1 over 15 rounds. **Matt Campbell** of **South Dakota** placed 14th at the Coyote Invitational and 22nd at the Great West Conference meet. Other golfers included **Bill McClossan** of **Pennsylvania**, **Robbie Beard** of **Willamette** and **Mike Pannier** of **Puget Sound**.

Track & Field

Javelin thrower **Patrick Filipi** of **Ohio State** placed third at the Louisville Invitational, then had a throw of 190'2" for sixth place at the Big Ten meet. Hammer thrower **Greg Bailey** of **Puget Sound** took second place (181'0") at the NWC meet and went to the NCAA Division III meet. Teammate **Frank Speetjens** competed in the decathlon at the NWC meet. **Kevin Couty** of **Central Methodist** was on the record-setting 1600 meter relay at the HAAC meet and competed at the NAIA meet. Teammate **Kyle Shelton** reached 14'7" in the pole vault at the Last Chance Meet. At the PAC meet, **Jeff Smith** of **Washington & Jefferson** was second in

the 110 meter hurdles; fifth in the pole vault; tied for fifth in the high jump; and placed sixth in the 400 meter hurdles. Teammates who did well at the PAC meet were **Bryan Consider** (third in the shot) and **Travis Bui** (sixth in the 200 and eighth in the 400).

Five Phi Deltis at **Centre** did well at the SCAC meet. Co-captain **Nick Edwards** won the pole vault in a school record leap of 13'11 1/4". **Charles Mercey** placed second in the hammer and third in the javelin (176'11") while **James Bozarth** was second in the shot, fourth in the hammer and fifth in the discus. **Aaron Hay** was second in the 200, 400 and 400 relay while placing third in the 1600 relay and seventh at 100 meters. **Mike Morrison** was fourth in the 200 and eighth in the 400. **Jake Hojnacki** of **Franklin** had a personal best time of 9:52.09 in the 3000 steeplechase at the Rose-Hulman Twilight meet. **Nick Price** of **Emory** had a best 800 time of 1:56.99.

Lacrosse

Four Phi Deltis saw action for the 12-6 **North Carolina** squad. Defenseman **Michael Jarvis**, who played in every game and had 20 ground balls, was elected a co-captain for 2010. Midfielder **Michael Burns** had three goals and 38 ground balls. Also playing were **Tommy D'Alessandro** and **Joe Howard**. Tri-captain **Zach Pucci** of the 16-4 **Gettysburg** team led with 36 goals and ranked second with 52 points. Goalie **Zach Fushman** led with 65 ground balls, made 170 saves and had a goals against average of 7.15. **Rob Triplett** scored 19 points (eight goals, eleven assists)

and **Danny Collura** scored seven points (three goals, four assists). Earning ODAC All-Academic honors for 16-4 **Washington & Lee** were **Drew Koeneman** (24 goals, 12 assists), **Drew Mancini** (five goals, six assists), **Deets Hoffman** and **Garrott McClintock**. W&L defenseman **Andrew Carr** played in 19 games.

Twenty-five Phis were on the 14-3 **Denison** squad which went to the Division III quarterfinals. Named to the USILA All-American third team and USILA North-South All-Star Game was NCAC Player of the Year **Dan Maude**, who scored 45 points (30 goals, 15 assists). All-NCAC first teamer **Nate Hall** scored 51 points (20 goals, team-high 31 assists) while All-NCAC first teamer **Tanner Smith** had 46 points (18 goals, 28 assists). **Jimmy Minor** was on the All-NCAC first team and went to the North-South All-Star Game. All-NCAC second team pick **Emmett Jones** totalled 50 points on 40 goals and 10 assists.

Also on the All-NCAC second team for Denison were **Ted Gulyas** (52 ground balls) and **Cy Ryan** (27 ground balls) while **Matt Edelbaum** (24 ground balls) received All-NCAC honorable mention. Also contributing to the Denison cause were **Alex Hardt** (24 points), **John Dione** (nine points), **Kyle Brown** (seven points), **Peter Loftus** (six points), **Colin Molloy** (six points) and **Brian Moriarty**. Defenseman **Matt Frizzo** was a key player for the 10-5 **Ohio Wesleyan** Division III playoff club. He had 15 ground balls and earned All-NCAC second team selection.



Patrick Filipi, Ohio State



Dan Maude, Denison
Photo by Hany Hosny



Nate Hall, Denison
Photo by Hany Hosny

Other Spring Sports

Playing in the NCAA Division III tennis tournament for **Emory** was **Chris Jordan** while **Barrett Freeman** of **Centre** was 10–11 in singles and earned All-SCAC honorable mention. **Josh Brown** of **Westminster** had records of 9–7 in singles and 10–6 in doubles play. This once again dominated the **Whitman** squad, which was led by **Jake Cappel** (12–5 in singles, 6–4 in doubles) and **David Darning**, who was undefeated in singles (8–0) and 6–1 in doubles. **Chris Bailey** posted an 11–2 mark in doubles and was 9–9 in singles. **Etienne Moshevich** was 6–3 in doubles and 6–3 in singles competition. The **Nebraska** gymnastics squad featured two Phis, **Cory Baumgarten** and **Bear Donley**. Baumgarten was named All Conference by the Pacific Sports Federation.

Football

Phi Delta Theta's top college player this fall has been **Kansas** quarterback **Todd Reesing**, who was named as one of 16 members of the National Football Foundation's 2009 National Scholar-Athlete class. He receives an \$18,000 scholarship for post-graduate study and was honored at the NFF's annual awards banquet in early December. He is also a semi-finalist for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award. Also in contention for the National Scholar-Athlete award were **Washington & Jefferson** defensive back **Mitch Erdely** and **Washington-St. Louis** lineman **Jared Daiber**. Other Division I

players of note are wide receiver **Kyle Derham** of **Pennsylvania** and the **Davidson** group of quarterback **Michael Blanchard**, running back **Kenny Mantuo**, wide receiver **Mark Hanabury**, offensive lineman **Mark Iafrate** and punter **Andrew Wohler**. **Davidson** also features the following defenders: back **Peter Kidwell**, linebackers **Daniel Astrop**, **Tyler Lemons** and **Patrick Hunt**.

Division III football standouts through the first half of the season include the **Dickinson** foursome of quarterback **Ian Mitchell**, linebacker **Kevin Wood** and defensive backs **Michael Maxwell** and **Pat McNeal**; the **Washington-St. Louis** trio of wide receiver **Tom Gulyas**, linebacker **Kyle Huber** and back **Tim Machan**; quarterback **Charlie Westfal** of **Washington & Lee**; wide receiver **Adam Miller** of **Hanover**; linebacker **Adam Firgens** of **Ripon**; **Centre** wide receiver **Nick Edwards**; the **Randolph-Macon** duo of quarterback **Austin Faulkner** and linebacker **Christian Stahl**; plus the **Puget Sound** duo of running back **Casey Larson** and linebacker **Tyler Vlasak**.

A complete review of Phi Delt fall sports athletes will appear in the next issue of *The Scroll*.



Sunny Florida to host the 2010 Convention

Are you ready to enjoy Florida's sun, some of the best tourist attractions in the hemisphere, and the fellowship of your brothers? Get ready for Convention 2010 in Orlando, Florida. The event is June 24-27 at the Renaissance Resort at Sea World, in Orlando, Florida.

Convention is a memorable and rewarding experience for all that attend and is truly where Phi Delt memories are made and shared. If you do nothing more than discover the advantages of an international association, your time will have been well spent.

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Demkee wins Gardner Award Akron Phi honored for service to Phi Delta Theta, University

The Raymond L. Gardner Award is recognized as the top honor given annually to the Phi Delta Theta alumnus who has made the most significant contribution to the Fraternity, his community and the world of higher education. This fall, Dr. Donald E. Demkee, *Akron '60*, received the award as the 2009 winner at a meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Alumni Club from Executive Vice President, Robert Biggs. Also in attendance for the presentation were University of Akron President Dr. Luis Proenza, Phi Delta Theta

Foundation President Rusty Richardson, Sigma South Province President Jim Warner and about 60 alumni and guests of the Northeastern Ohio Alumni Club.

The campaign for Brother Demkee to receive the Gardner Award was orchestrated by the Fraternity's current Alumni Club of the Biennium, the Northeastern Ohio Alumni Club. The application included a number of letters of recommendation that read like the who's who of Northeastern Ohio, including Past President of the General Council Bob Deloian and Senator

George Voinovich and a listing of Brother Demkee's lifelong accomplishments.

Donald Demkee signed The Bond of Phi Delta Theta after being initiated into Ohio Epsilon on October 13, 1957. During his time in college he was a member of the chapter chorus, attended the national convention in Asheville, North Carolina, and most notably served as the chapter president in 1959. After graduating from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, he then served as a captain in the United States Air Force. Following his postgraduate degrees

and military service, Dr. Demkee served as a general officer of Phi Delta Theta as Sigma South Province President from 1981–1983 and in 2002 was appointed as a trustee of the Phi Delta Theta Foundation.

While Dr. Demkee’s volunteer service to the Fraternity has been remarkable, his generosity over the years has been just as notable. He was the fourth Brother recognized as a member of the Founder’s Club for his generosity to the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and he established the Demkee Scholarship for undergraduate members of Ohio Epsilon. He has commissioned renderings of the Phi Delta Theta Paul E. Martin Headquarters Building, Ohio Epsilon Chapter House and Ohio Epsilon Founder’s Memorial Gateway.

Brother Demkee is known throughout Phi Delta Theta as a tremendous Brother in The Bond, but throughout Northeastern Ohio he is also known as a leader in his community and an avid supporter of the University of Akron and The Ohio State University. Dr. Demkee has served on countless boards, is also a former member of the board of directors of the Wayne County Chapter of the American Heart Association, served on the National Dental Tobacco Free Steering Committee of the National Institute of Health and is a past president of the Ohio State Dental Board and a past chairman of the American Dental Association’s Council on Dental Education and Licensure.

At the university level, he has served on the University of Akron Board of Trustees, is a former president of the Wayne County Alumni Society of The Ohio State University and there are over a dozen scholarships that have been endowed at Akron and Ohio State that bear the Demkee name.

When Brother Demkee first heard that he was being nominated for this award, he thought that the five brothers organizing his application were “wasting their time” as he knew an impressive list of Phis had won this award previously, including his own chapter brothers Paul Martin and W. Richard Wright and he modestly did not believe he stacked up. However, the group that Demkee dubbed the “Immortal Five” (John Naum, William Turanchik, Roberto Capotosto, Jim Warner and Jerry Donnelly) thought otherwise. In appreciation for their work on his behalf, Demkee wrote a poem honoring them.

Demkee attributes his long-standing commitment to community to his wonderful undergraduate experience at the University of Akron as a member of Phi Delta Theta and his feeling of obligation to make sure to pay back everyone and everything that helped him in the path of life. Demkee also plans on traveling to Seattle in the near future to find out more about the namesake of the Gardner Award, Raymond L. Gardner, by meeting with his grandson. ■

The Immortal Five

Who are these Five dedicated and true

Who caused with work and skill a group to do

To make a notice fall upon another

With prose and poetry that avails a Brother

They did all of this without hesitation

They were now focused on approaching

Brother Gardner’s reputation

Well, this act has now come to pass

And the Group of Decision had to do what they do

Only responded to the Five and completed at last

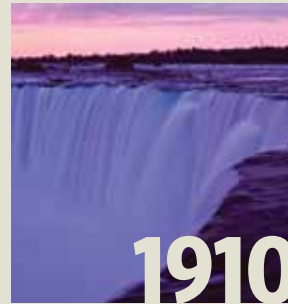
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It is time now to identify these Brothers fondly

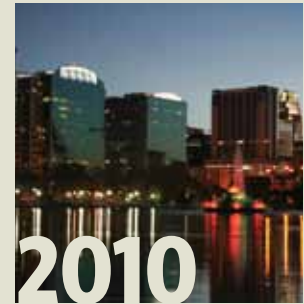
They are Brothers:

Naum, Turanchik, Capotosto, Warner and Donnelly

Then & Now



1910 Convention in 1910 was held in a popular vacation destination—Niagra Falls. Guy Potter Benton, former Miami University president, conducted a model initiation during the Convention, a practice that continues today. There was also a problem with drunk and disorderly members during the Convention, which caused the General to ask members to conduct themselves in a sober and harmonious manner. The next Convention, held during the Christmas holidays in Chicago, went about its business with “plenty of enthusiasm and without intoxicants.” Perhaps that was because a barrel of beer cost \$7 in 1910. A gallon of gasoline was less than 10 cents.



2010 This year’s Convention will also take place in a popular vacation destination—Orlando, Florida. Again, a model initiation will be held and the Phis will no doubt conduct themselves in an enthusiastic manner during the event. Cost of living is certainly higher today. A gallon of gas is over \$2, and some bars charge nearly \$7 for one beer. A barrel (or keg) of ale is at least \$40. ■

how to:



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Survive extreme cold

It's happened to all of us—we get ready to sit outside at the big game in the cold or go on a run. You think you're wearing the right stuff, but you find yourself cold, wet, shivering and miserable. We have some tips on surviving the cold from someone who knows—Brian Clark is a meteorologist at the Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, “Home of the World’s Worst Weather™” (yes, it’s trademarked).

Clark (who works with Phi Scot Henley, see article on page 36) spends quite a bit of time on the mountain, which routinely sees 100 mile per hour winds combined with sub-zero temperatures. Until recently, the Observatory held the record for the highest recorded wind speed on earth, 231 mph, a record recently supplanted by an Australian weather station that recorded a 253 gust during a cyclone.

“It’s hard to put (the wind) in perspective,” Clark said. “I liken that to an NFL linebacker pushing against you.”

Unlike Marty, the Observatory’s cat who sports a thick coat, humans on the mountain need to cover all exposed skin, since even five minutes of exposure to the summit weather can bring on frostbite.

“Layering is the key thing. People either forget about that or don’t understand it,” Clark said. “Things tend to be less bulky (when you layer) and it gives you more options. I use a three-piece layering system that L.L. Bean gives us.”

That first layer that touches your skin should not be cotton, but instead a wicking material that will pull away moisture from the skin, Clark said. Outer layers need to be Gore Tex® or another windproof material and ski goggles complete the package on the mountaintop.

Clark also says warmer spring temperatures can be deceiving. He and the Observatory staff have seen more than a few hikers suffer hypothermia on damp 40 degree days.

For more information about the Mt. Washington Observatory and its work, visit www.mountwashington.org. ■

Do you have a skill you want to share with other Phi Deltas? Tell us about it and we'll consider using it in a future "how to" column. Email Scroll@phideltatheta.org.



Fraternity News: Welcome our new consultants



Jon Collier is a recent graduate of the Indiana Epsilon chapter at Hanover College where he majored in history and business. While at Hanover, he was very active in the Greek Community, holding several executive positions within his own chapter as well as serving as the IFC president, while also being a member of the baseball team. Growing up in Indianapolis, he is a diehard Colts and Chicago Cubs fan. Jon loves to do just about any outdoor activity

and is an avid hunter and fisherman. He was very excited to hit the road in the fall and travel throughout the chapters of the Southeast region.

• Hanover College, '09



Jay Spenlau is a first year consultant who comes from the University of Louisville. He graduated with degrees in history and psychology. As an undergraduate Jay was a founding father for the chapter at Louisville. He served as vice president and scholarship chairman within his chapter and worked with the Inter-Fraternity Council as the Chief Justice on their Supreme Court. Outside of Greek life, Jay was involved with the Resident Student Association

and worked for housing in first year initiatives and for the University of Louisville Athletic Department.

• Univ. of Louisville, '09



Steve Curtright attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a political science major and minors in history and English. As an undergraduate, Steve was a two-term student senator for the student government. He also served two terms on the IFC Executive board, as Director of Scholarship and Director of Fraternity Recruitment. Additionally, Steve served as president of the College Republicans and as a member of Order of Omega. Within the chapter, Steve served one term as Recruitment Chair where he led the way to sign the largest class on campus. Steve was also a Phikeia Educator and Homecoming Chair. In his spare time, Husker football, exercising and discussing politics take up Steve's time.

• Univ. of Nebraska, '09



Jacob Ternes is a first year leadership consultant who is a graduate of Emporia State University. He graduated with a bachelor of science in education with teaching fields in social sciences and physical education. Being a native of Kansas, he is a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Kansas City Royals, even through the bad years. Jacob is an avid outdoorsman and would spend all of his time camping, hiking, mountain biking or just grilling out on the patio if he could.

He enjoys traveling the Western half of the United States and meeting the great Fraternity men that region has to offer. ■

• Emporia State Univ., '09

Phi Delta Theta Raises the Bar Once Again

In 1848, Phi Delta Theta was founded on the principles of Friendship, Sound Learning and Rectitude. Through ritual, community service and philanthropy, Phi Deltas all over the world are able to practice rectitude on a regular basis, while gatherings all over the country at leadership conferences, Founders Day celebrations and alumni club events are promoting friendship among brothers. On September 19, 2009, the General Council of Phi Delta Theta implemented a new policy that will shed light on one of the principles that has been neglected for many years.

“For more than 160 years, Sound Learning has been one of our core founding principles, yet we have done little to advance this cause,” said General Council Reporter Chris Lapple who was responsible for bringing this new policy to the table.

“When taking a closer look at our peer group, it was obvious that Phi Delta Theta needed to make a change,” said Director of Chapter Services Jacob Kingdon, whose staff had been conducting research for the past year on this specific topic. “While Phi Delt currently requires all individual members to meet the minimum standard for graduation, there has not been a minimum standard for chapter performance. Eight out of ten fraternities in our peer group require their chapters to meet a minimum grade point average every semester, and until now, we have not done so.”

The average minimum grade point average among Phi Delta Theta’s peer group is a 2.45. The General Council believed that Phi Delta Theta should set their standard above that average if we are to be a leader among our peers. Effective January 1, 2010, every chapter of Phi Delta Theta will be responsible for achieving a 2.5 semester GPA.

After voting to implement this new standard, General Council Reporter Chris Lapple commented, “we have now set a measurable standard which will emphasize the importance of academia at the chapter level. We should place scholarship and intellectual development for each Brother as a top priority.”

Phi Delta Theta Headquarters will help its chapters to achieve this new requirement by providing best practices, education and academic resources to its members through Leadership Consultant visits, online education and technology, as well as the continued implementation of academic advisors on a local level. ■

The Biggest Losers

On a lighter note, many members of the General Headquarters and Foundation staff, along with friends and family, recently participated in a Biggest Loser contest. There were 21 participants on three teams and over a period of six months, we lost 262.7 pounds, with an average weight loss of 12.5 pounds. We are in total, smaller by 6.44%. In this case, our Director of Expansion, Dustin Struble, became the biggest reducer, losing 38.6 pounds—17.32%. We all had fun with the competition that involved team support, ‘accountabuddies,’ exercise and good nutrition. Noon-time activities included brisk walks and P90X workouts and after work there were Pilates, swimming and running. One of the harder changes was adjusting our office snacks from sweet delights to wonderful low fat/ high fiber treats. Yes, that is possible. ■

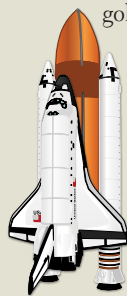


If alumni clubs, chapters and other members would like to discuss setting up a similar program, feel free to email Jacob Kingdon at jkingdon@phideltatheta.org.

Welcome to: Orlando! Florida

An insider’s guide to a popular tourist destination.

This city is perhaps best known for being home to the Magic Kingdom and for tropical weather, but Orlando is also home to the Kennedy Space Center, fantastic golf courses, Universal Studios, a bustling downtown and Church Street for nightlife. The city is also once again the location for Phi Delta Theta’s biennial Convention.



Locals bemoan the busy International Drive thoroughfare that runs through the city, but the road is home to many great restaurants featuring cuisines from around the world, including great Brazilian, Mexican and Greek fare.



Fodor’s strongly recommends making reservations for all Orlando dining, stressing that reservations for all Disney restaurants or character meals should be made at least 90 days in advance. The Disney-built town Celebration boasts upscale eateries along its Market Square but if you are looking to branch out from Disney, head to trendy, upscale restaurants on Restaurant Row, a part of Sand Lake Road.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, a theme park within Universal’s Islands of Adventure, is expected to open in Spring 2010, just in time for the Biennial Convention.



This summer, Phi Deltas from across North America will be visiting Orlando; make plans now to join them to experience the Phi Delta Theta Convention and the magic of Orlando. ■

For more information visit www.orlandoinfo.com.

Castle on the Corner goes green

Indiana Gamma rebuilds their home and their chapter

BY KRISTIN KEPPLINGER

When the five Indiana Gamma House Corporation board members set out to renovate and re-install the “Castle on the Corner,” Butler University’s iconic Phi Delta Theta chapter house, they had no idea what a challenging task it would be.

“It was a very, very, very daunting project,” said House Corp President Ron Reed (*Butler ’91*). In order to reopen the chapter, which closed in 2002, the renovation team had to renovate the 80-year-old Bedford limestone and Carolina granite building with no budget, no potential Re-Founding Fathers in mind and a goal to receive a LEED certification for turning the house into an environmentally friendly building.

“It was a unique and interesting situation,” said House Corp board member Stan Cuppy (*Butler ’78*). “We were faced with critical things that had to happen all at once if we wanted to open in the fall of 2009.” First, the House Corporation needed to work closely with the Palmer Foundation and General Headquarters to develop a strong business plan and commitment to restoring the excellence of Indiana Gamma

in order to gain Butler’s support. Second, they developed a vision for remodeling the historic chapter house and hired an architect and contractor to make it a reality. Third, the financing and capital campaign strategy as well as the operational plan had to be put into place.

“All of this in 12 months or less—and in a down economy to boot!” Cuppy said.

“It became a day job,” Reed said of what turned into a seven-year project. “For six months, we were putting in 30 to 40 hours a week.

In addition to the estimated 10,000 hours of combined volunteer hours the men logged, they often found themselves footing the bills. “The longer it went, the longer our finances were dwindled,” Reed said. “It became the five of us writing checks. Several of us were making mortgage payments out of our own pockets.”

Reed said that what made the process especially difficult was trying to recruit Phikea and do fundraising for a product that at the time was unfinished and unappealing. “We had to put on events in an empty building that was a construction zone. We had no heat, no running

water, no electricity and the windows were boarded up.”

In addition to rebuilding the house itself, Indiana Gamma had to rebuild its reputation and earn the confidence of Butler students, the University, the alumni and the banks. “Imagine trying to get \$2 million out of a bank for a non-profit that hasn’t generated an income in six years,” said Reed. “We had a bad product for five years. You pay for the sins of the past.”

Despite the long and rocky road that the Indiana Gamma alumni endured, they completed the \$1.8 million renovation in time for Phi Delta Theta’s 150th anniversary at Butler. The April 19, 2009 re-installation marked the Fraternity’s largest chapter installation in more than 20 years, with 73 Re-Founding Fathers.

The house will soon earn the distinction of becoming the first LEED certified “green” fraternity house in Indiana.

A green castle

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED is the internationally recognized green building certification system that verifies buildings are designed and constructed using strategies that minimize environmental impact.

House Corporation officer Eric DeWitt (*Butler ’99*) said the House Corp proposed that the re-colonization be a LEED project from the first meeting they had with the University. The renovation process was guided by the dual objectives of following the LEED guidelines, as well as adding modern amenities without compromising the building’s structural integrity. “We paid great attention to detail so we could incorporate the new LEED certification and bring the building up to today’s codes and living standards,” DeWitt said. “There is not a single part of that building when we were going through the demolition process that we didn’t save and recycle in some way.”

While the remaining exterior of what Cuppy called a “true old school masonry building” may still be held together by gravity, friction and mortar, the interior of the building is truly state of the art. The thick concrete walls posed a challenge but the renovation team was able



to equip the building with wireless Internet (provided by eight Wi-Fi routers per floor) and satellite TV.

“We re-purposed everything possible in the existing structure allowing us to either save money, increase living space utility, or improve its visual punch and curb appeal,” said Cuppy.

A major investment was the installation of a forced air heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit, which along with better insulation and new windows, makes heating and cooling more efficient and cost-effective. The HVAC system has also transformed what DeWitt remembers as a building that was too hot in the summer and too cold in the winter into the only Greek house on campus with air conditioning.

Besides being the most comfortable and environmentally friendly chapter house at Butler, Reed said the Phi Delt house is the safest building on campus thanks to brand new lighting, fire suppression and lock systems. Opting for motion sensors instead of light switches earned the house even more LEED points. Other green strategies employed by the House Corporation include using highly reflective material on the roof, building with local materials, giving hybrid cars prime parking spots and electrical outlets in the existing parking lot, providing locked and covered bicycle storage, adding a room for storing recyclables and choosing low- or no-odor paints, glue and carpets.

While the inside of the building has impressive amenities that will attract and accommodate a large number of future members like new bathrooms, a large kitchen and a six-foot-tall big screen TV, the fraternity’s 150-year history on campus was kept alive. “We did everything we could to bring back the past,” Reed said. “We found stuff that was over 120-years-old.”

Alumni helped work on sourcing and replication of the house’s original and historically accurate furniture. The original alumnus

calligrapher was enlisted to replicate a WWI-era Hilton U. Brown Jr. poem that is displayed in the house. The renovation team was able to refurbish and reinstall the original gothic brass lighting fixtures as well as bring back the original luster of the “Builder’s Tile” floor in the great room. Although the renovation incorporated some warmer colors and wood trim to soften the interior, the concrete beams and pillars are still a prominent part of the design. “We wanted to make it look the same but better,” said Cuppy.

The only reason we succeeded, flat out, is that we love the organization. Our best friends came from living there.

Rebuilding a chapter

While the house itself is impressive, it took more than brick and mortar to rebuild the chapter. “Even if that building was in perfect shape, that chapter wouldn’t have survived,” Reed said. “We lost track of how to keep the alumni energized. You have to get them because the alumni are what keep the chapter going.”

Adopting a new way of doing things was the first step in engaging the alumni. Reed said although it was somewhat painful, they had to accept that things had changed. “The world has changed so if you want to exist in this world you have to embrace it and move on. You have to put it in perspective that there are issues in each generation that need to be addressed. How you address them is what defines you as an organization.”

The House Corporation was able to do this by adopting a non-profit business model. Viewing their brothers as stakeholders in a business, they had to demonstrate to alumni that investing in the house and in new members was worthwhile. “We are showing that every dollar we get is a dollar spent wisely,” Reed said.

Measures to protect and enhance this investment are built into the House Corp’s strategy. Efficient energy use saves the chapter money, while coin-operated washers, dryers and vending machines reinvest money directly into it. Professional landlord management comes through twice a week so any issues that arise can be addressed right away. Most importantly, the alumni will keep a close relationship with the chapter to ensure that it upholds a high standard of operation and correctly passes on the traditions of the organization.

The House Corp also had to “sell” Phi Delta Theta to prospective members and their parents



by looking at the needs of the modern college student and making sure the Fraternity could fulfill those needs. Students who were unsatisfied with the status-quo of other campus organizations were drawn to this opportunity to create an alternative. Walter B. Palmer Foundation Trustee Chris Shrader (*Miami University '82*) said the Fraternity’s alcohol-free housing policy also helped alumni identify and recruit Butler’s “the cream of the crop.”

These student leaders brought new ideas but were enthusiastic about bringing back some old traditions. For example, they began hosting formal dinners for University administration and brought in a professional house mother for the first time in 20 years. Shrader is pleased with the direction the new members are taking the chapter. “It’s retained its historical significance, but it’s been significantly updated for young men in the Fraternity.”

Sustaining success

The House Corporation’s business model created a product that continues to satisfy members, alumni and the University. When DeWitt gives tours of the building, he said many visitors have a look of absolute shock on their faces. “The initial reaction is ‘Wow! I wish I could live in a place like this!’ We’ve literally taken the bar to the next level.” Happy with the results, 45% of alumni have already signed on and written a check to support the chapter and the majority of the undergraduate members have already signed a pledge card saying that they are going to make their first pledge, according to Reed. He was especially touched that a 1940 alumnus donated \$50,000 worth of landscaping.

“The only reason we succeeded, flat out, is that we love the organization. Our best friends came from living there. We all wanted to give back because we couldn’t stand the thought that someone else wouldn’t have the chance to meet their best friend. That’s why you build an organization, you’re building a brotherhood.” ■



GAME On



Phi Delta Theta has another Phi at ESPN, Trey Wingo, *Baylor '85* who is the current spokesman for the True Blue Society. For more information about the True Blue Society, turn to page 44.

Putting the fun back in youth sports

ESPN Correspondent and Phi Tom Farrey and the high pressure world of kids athletics

BY ROB PASQUINUCCI

Like so many young boys, Tom Farrey's sports dreams began on a dusty field in South Florida, when he chased down and caught a foul ball hit his way. He went on to spend his youth playing games—sandlot football, backyard basketball or more baseball—taking his skinny body to its limits, and learning about himself in the process. Farrey, *Florida '86*, was hooked—not just on sports, and the stories behind the scores that paint pictures of the human experience.

"I fell in love with sports," Farrey said. "They are a learning lesson to me. So many of life's issues—race, money, politics, etc can be told through sports."

Those were the stories Farrey wanted to pursue, so his dreams changed from swinging a bat to wielding a pen. During his career, Farrey's covered the Super Bowl, the Olympics and the Final Four, but his passion is for stories about real people and real interactions that happen on and off the field.

"More often than not, these stories have nothing to do with the star players in fancy stadiums, and everything to do with regular people interacting with sports on a local and personal level," Farrey writes in his book, *Game On*.

Farrey's reporting has earned him jobs at major newspapers and ESPN, and it's a dream come true for him.

"I have the best job in the world. I get to pursue my curiosity, go to far away places, ask personal questions and report on what I've learned. And then, I get a pay check every other week. That's insanely cool."

Focused student

By the time he enrolled at Florida, Farrey was one of those rare students who knew what he wanted to do after college. He was already writing sports articles for the campus and local daily newspapers. He describes himself as pretty intensely focused on his scholastic career, but needed Phi Delt to help balance out his life.

"Phi Delt was a tremendous experience for me," Farrey said. "It helped develop me socially."

Paul Gianneschi, who was one of Farrey's pledge brothers, agrees.

"I think it was good for him," Gianneschi said. "He was a very focused individual, and would

often get a lot of needling from us." One time Gianneschi said Farrey forgot where his bike was locked up for six months.

"He's a brilliant writer, but he had a tendency to overlook various other things," Gianneschi added.

After college, Farrey's career took him to the *Seattle Times*, where he covered, among things, the Seattle Supersonics and Phi Detlef Schrempf. When the Web was still in its infancy, he began putting together stories for the ESPN site, which led to an opportunity to work at the network.

To young Phis who want to follow in his footsteps, Farrey offers the following advice:

"Identify who you think are the very best at what you want to do. Don't watch bad TV, don't watch bad journalism," Farrey said. But, he adds, find your own voice and your own stories to add a fresh perspective in the crowded media landscape.

Game On

We've all been there, and maybe we've been 'that guy.' You know, the parent screaming at the refs during the little league game. Or the parent who signs up junior for golf lessons before he can walk. Farrey saw this trend and was concerned.

"The effort to separate the strong from the weak at ever younger ages pushes children to the sidelines," Farrey said. "Youth sports have turned from a casual activity for kids into a fanatical force driven by the needs of impatient (if well-meaning) adults."

So Farrey decided to turn his concern and research into a book.

When Farrey became a parent, his favorite athletes weren't the superstars he often covered, but his kids, who he shuttled to practices, games and tournaments. It's the same for parents he spoke to around the country.

"Once you become a father, it's not Kobe you're following, it's (the athlete) you're raising, the one who lives down the hall, the one whose games you consistently attend, the one you will have the most emotional and financial investment in, whose successes and failures you feel most deeply," Farrey said. "That's the athlete, more than any other, who you hope will be given the opportunity that extends the soul and makes the world feel so full of promise."



Florida Alpha Phi, author, and ESPN's Tom Farrey will MC the Inaugural Sports Hall of Fame. For more information, go to page 42.

The book profiles communities and individuals who have made the little leagues big business, often at the expense of traditional sports leagues. Recent statistics prove Farrey's point—participation in youth (ages 6–17) basketball, soccer, softball and baseball has dropped since 1990.

"As an institution," Farrey writes in the book, "youth sport is no longer set up in a manner designed to promote, above all else, broad-based health and character education."

So what can be done? Farrey's book offers some tips for parents, and dispels some myths about youth sports. Here's a sampling:

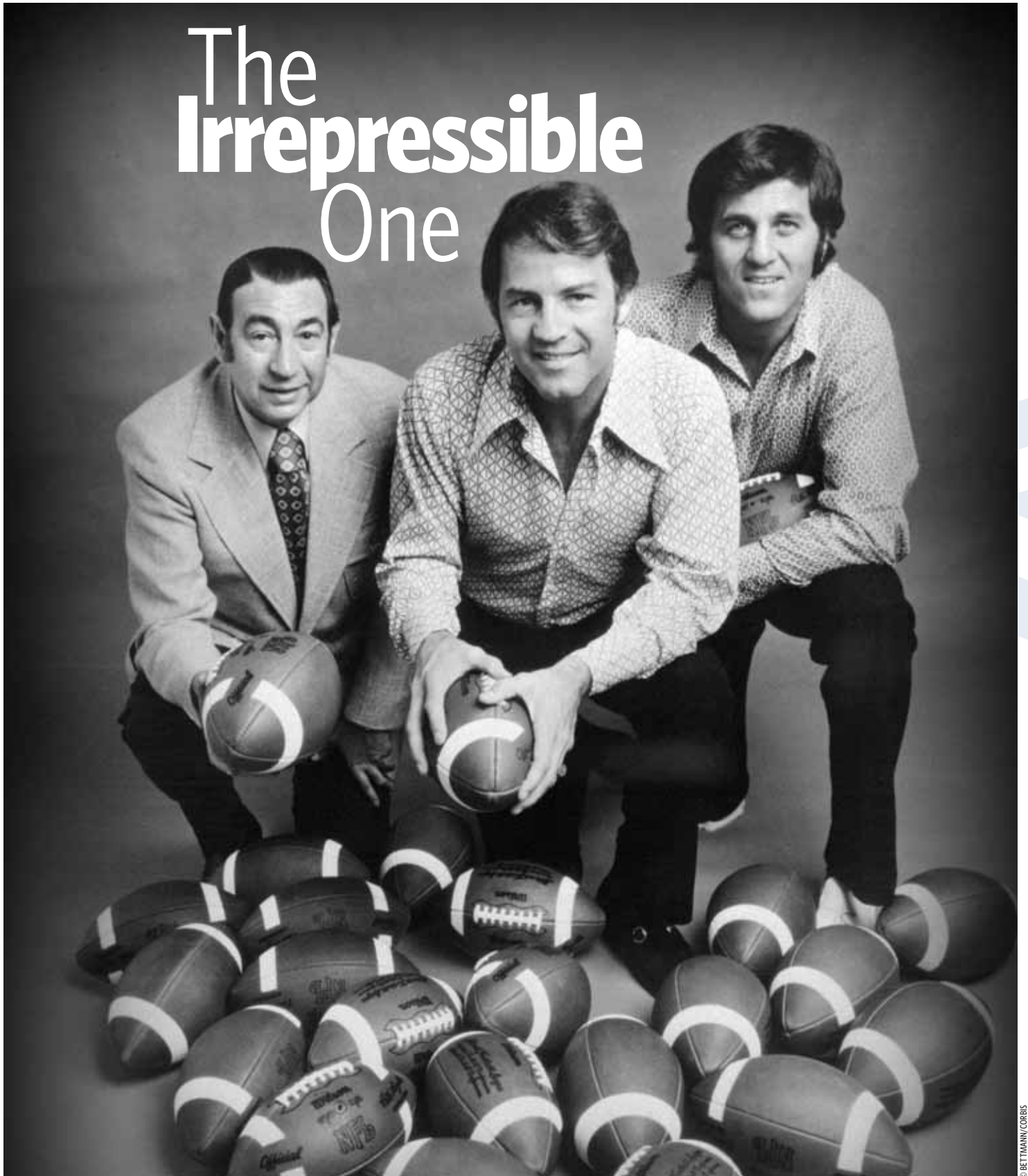
- Support your children, but don't create unrealistic expectations. Elite athletes often have innate, natural advantages.
- Think of sports as preventive health care and encourage games that can be played for life.
- It's a myth that early, focused exposure to sports will make kids superstars. Farrey points to Andre Agassi, who grew to hate tennis because of pressure at a young age. "Let your kids to dictate what the goals for sports should be.
- It's also a misperception that big money goes to youth sports. Yes, there is money in youth athletics, but it often misses the communities and families that need it the most. "A poor family can't spend \$300 for a graphite baseball bat," Farrey said.

"Kids want to get better, they want to compete and they want to test themselves, Farrey said.

They need loosely structured practice times and competing in a variety of sports helps build skills

More information on the topic is available on Farrey's web site, Tomfarrey.com. ■

The Irrepressible One



Howard Cosell, Frank Gifford and Don Meredith as shown in September 1971 promoting ABC's *NFL Monday Night Football* series.

Fine and Dandy

BY BRAD TOWNSEND

Half-century after signing up for pro-football, Don Meredith still has a song in his heart.

Smiling, he rises from his chair. His hair is gray and his legs are creaky, but there's no mistaking it. It's Don Meredith.

"Hello, hello!" the supposedly reclusive ex-Cowboys quarterback bellows to his invited guest, a reporter no less.

So many questions beg, but Meredith, 71, just wants to be himself. Share witticisms. Croon country tunes. Raise his Snapple to offer a, well, colorful toast.

Football doesn't enter the banter until Meredith is told of a nearing anniversary. On Nov. 28, 1959, he signed a personal services contract to play for a proposed NFL team that had no nickname, no coach and no other players.

FROM THIS SEED SPROUTED THE DALLAS COWBOYS. "Son of a gun," Meredith chuckles. "I didn't know what 50 years felt like, but now I do."

In that other lifetime he was Dandy Don, the captivating SMU All-American from nearby Mount Vernon. He led the Cowboys to the 1966 and 1967 NFL Championship games, then rather inexplicably retired in 1969, at age 31.

Next he was *Monday Night Football's* "Irrepressible One," as booth-mate Howard Cosell called him. Millions tuned in to hear Meredith needle Cosell, rhapsodize about parents Jeff and Hazel and Mount Vernon and belt "The Party's Over."

But after the 1984 season, he virtually vanished to Santa Fe and semi-retirement with his wife, Susan. He since has given few interviews, adding mystery and intrigue to an already compelling Texas folk tale.

But for Don and Susan, now married 37 years, the mystery is why anyone would begrudge them a normal life after Don's high-profile careers.

"After he retired from *Monday Night*, we took up tennis and golf, maybe watched a few Super Bowls because we had parties," Susan says. "Football kind of went away."

Ex-teammates don't seem surprised. Meredith was the guy who sang in huddles, read Hemingway, shot mid-70s in golf and strummed and sipped with Willie Nelson.

Over the decades, teammates grew used to his sporadic attendance at alumni functions, but his most recent absence was conspicuous. Meredith was the only living Ring of Honor member unable to attend the Sept. 20 christening of Cowboys Stadium.

He has emphysema. Oxygen therapy makes it difficult to leave home, so he sits in his den, conquering backgammon challengers. On this day he tests his visitor by playing a country song on his laptop.

"Know who that is?"

Who?

"That's Jeff and Hazel's baby boy."

The tune is "Travelin' Man," one of two that Meredith recorded in 1965. Laughing, he taps his feet and sings duet with his 27-year-old self.

I'm a travelin' man

Just a rollin' stone

These wanderin' feet

Have got to roam...

Joseph Donald Meredith's adventurous path traces to April 10, 1938, the day he was born in Mount Vernon, 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

At 2,700, the town's population has doubled since Joe Don and older brother Billy Jack starred for the Tigers in the '50s. Hazel died in 1988, Jeff in 1991, but the family presence remains.

"Don Meredith Boyhood Home" reads a curbside sign at 616 S. Kaufman, where Hazel swung a tire from a pecan tree so her boys could hone their passing.



Don Meredith (17), Dallas Cowboys quarterback

Town square fixture Meredith Dry Goods was where Jeff perched six-year-old Don near the door and taught him to greet every customer by name.

Two billboards direct Interstate 30 motorists to the Don Meredith Exhibit, in the former fire station. The museum's 2006 opening coincided with Don's 50th high school reunion.

"He sat here on a tall stool for a good two hours, signing autographs," Mayor J.D. Baumgardner says. "Had 'em three-deep clear out to the curb."

Museum visitors learn that Meredith was salutatorian, acted in the school play and probably was most skilled in basketball.

As a 6-3 junior, he scorched Dallas' 1954 Dr Pepper Tournament with records of 52 points against Adamson and 164 points in five games. Mount Vernon toppled big-city Crozier Tech and Woodrow Wilson en route to the title.

In football, Don wore No. 88 like Billy Jack, who went on to play at TCU. Don's jersey, letter jacket, ABC blazer and 1971 sportscasting Emmy are among the exhibit's many artifacts. For decades, Don had kept most of them in storage.

That love I've had

Has set me free

And a travelin' man

It's made out of me...

Contrary to perception, the Merediths don't live in a steel fortress guarded by a moat and Dobermans.

They reside in a two-story adobe in southern Santa Fe. Toy poodle Moses and spaniel-poodle mix Beau briefly sniff newcomers' shoes.

The home has little evidence of Don's playing days. The only photo of him in his No. 17 Cowboys uniform hangs in the master bedroom, above one of Susan during her modeling days.

"We were both 23, though we didn't know each other," says Susan, adding with a laugh, "That's better than we look now. Holy moly."

Don shows no inclination to talk sports until his visitor pulls out a folder full of 1950s and '60s newspaper stories. Thumbing through the pages, Meredith reads the headlines aloud.

"Brings back some old memories, boy I'm telling you," he says. "It does, it does. I thank you, thank you."

After noting Don's thin necktie in a photo of him signing with SMU, Susan exclaims: "Look, that's your real nose! You hadn't had 14 nose

breaks.” To which Don cracks: “I was almost too pretty to be a boy. That’s what my mother said.”

Dallas might have daunted some small-town kids, but for the thespian quarterback it was center stage.

The city had no major professional teams, sportswriters showered superlatives and “Southern Meredith University” regularly drew 50,000 fans to the Cotton Bowl.

And would you believe it? During Meredith’s senior season, word came that Dallas might get pro football. Not just one team, but two.

SMU alumnus Lamar Hunt was forming the American Football League and would own the Dallas Texans. Dallasites Clint Murchison Jr. and Bedford Wynne applied for an NFL expansion team.

Naturally, both organizations coveted Meredith as a cornerstone and box-office draw. On Nov. 22, 1959, six days before Meredith’s college finale

at TCU, the Texans made him their No. 1 draft pick.

Meredith was engaged to Mustangs cheerleader Lynne Shamburger and had been accepted to SMU law school. Hunt invited Don and Billy Jack to his mansion for barbecued burgers.

Oops. Hunt forgot starter fluid, so he had the Meredith boys gather mimosa leaves. The backyard soiree failed to kindle Don’s interest in the Texans.

Shortly before midnight on Nov. 28, hours after losing to TCU, Meredith signed a five-year, \$150,000 personal services deal with Murchison.

“The contract read, ‘If we get a National Football League franchise, we’d like for you to play quarterback,’” Meredith recalls. “I couldn’t understand pro football, the idea that they were going to pay you money to play.”

Indeed, times were simpler. *The News’* story on the Dec. 20 Meredith-Shamburger wedding said the couple would honeymoon in Hawaii and live at 6617 Preston Road.

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Don Meredith, (L), receives a playful pat on the head from pass receiver Lance Rentzel, (R), in the Cowboy’s dressing room after Meredith hit 10 of 12 passes for 122 yards, and two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to a 52-14 win over the Cleveland Browns for the Eastern Division Championship in Dallas.

When Tom Landry was hired as the proposed team's coach on Dec. 28, he quipped, "All we've got is a coach and a pitcher, but that's a start."

When the sun goes down

And the shadows fall

The night winds howl

A lonesome call...

On Jan. 28, 1960, NFL owners awarded Dallas its franchise. The \$600,000 expansion fee was just four times what was owed the quarterback.

Heck, Meredith would even get to play home games in the familiar, friendly Cotton Bowl.

But on the first day of training camp, wide-eyed Meredith found the Cowboys' roster mostly composed of fellow rookies and other teams' scarred and tattooed castoffs. Cigarettes and alcohol were prevalent.

"I'd never tried either," he says. "I was introduced and really happy with both."

He remains grateful to veteran quarterback Eddie LeBaron, who tutored Meredith and took the brunt of punishment during the 0-11-1 first season: "Old Eddie. In some ways, he was more my coach than Coach Landry."

Gradually, Meredith earned playing time, not all of it valuable. In a 1962 home game, Pittsburgh's 6-6, 305-pound Eugene "Big Daddy" Lipscomb mashed Meredith's right ankle like an accordion.

Asked about the injury today, Meredith lifts his pants leg. His ankle bone is golf ball-sized. Susan says he has had multiple ankle and toe surgeries.

"It really wasn't that bad; it just didn't get any better," Don says. "It isn't in pain now, so I'm happy about that."

He became starter in 1963, a year that also brought his first divorce, cascades of boos and a 4-10 finish.

Edgy Dallas no longer was just a college sports town. Perhaps some fans found entitlement in the flasks they snuck in. Some construed Meredith's easy nature as apathy.

"I can take boos for a bad game," Meredith told *The News* in 1964. "But I hate to think they're booing me because they think I'm dogging it."

Meredith quelled critics by earning NFL Player of the Year honors

in 1966 and taking the Cowboys to the '66 and '67 title games. But losing to Green Bay by seven and four points, respectively, tormented the Dallas organization.

Then Cleveland upset the Cowboys in the first round of the 1968 playoffs,

with Landry benching Meredith after two costly third-quarter interceptions.

Still, Meredith's July 5, 1969, retirement shocked many in Dallas, the city that once unconditionally adored him.

That day he said he no longer was fully committed and didn't want to shortchange anyone. But for 40 years, many have wondered whether the Meredith-Landry relationship soured, or whether Meredith simply tired of public criticism.

Neither was the decisive factor, Meredith says now. He says his second marriage was failing and he had three young children.

"All sorts of things were going around on my personal life. It just wasn't working, so I decided, 'Hell, I might as well try something else.'"

He tried working as a stockbroker until the *Monday Night* opportunity came in 1970, but it is little known that Meredith approached Cowboys president Tex Schramm about a comeback. He says he was surprised and hurt by Schramm's unenthusiastic response.

I'm up at dawn

Be on my way

Mister travelin' man

Where you gonna be today?...

Meredith says he harbors no what-ifs about his Cowboys career. But it remains a painful subject for some of his teammates.

"He took too much of the blame, and I think the press blamed him way too much," says Lee Roy Jordan, a Cowboys Ring of Honor linebacker from 1963 to 1976.

"I'm disappointed that we—the coaching staff and all of us other players—didn't take a more responsible role in taking on some of that negative press."

Jordan contends that if Meredith had played longer, the transition would have been smoother for quarterbacks Craig Morton and Roger Staubach.

Jordan says he means no disrespect to Morton, but he believes that with Meredith, Dallas would have won the 1970 season's Super Bowl.

Instead, Baltimore prevailed in that infamous "Stupor Bowl" V, 16-13, despite committing seven turnovers to the Cowboys' four.

"Oh, yeah," concurs Staubach. "Meredith would have won Super Bowls eventually, if he had stayed."

Staubach was finishing his Navy service when he learned of Meredith's retirement. Weeks earlier, Meredith had invited Staubach to his house during a Cowboys quarterback camp. Staubach played behind Morton in 1969 and most of 1970 before leading Dallas to the '71 Super Bowl title. Even then, he felt he had inherited Meredith's era.

"Literally, I almost felt guilty being the quarterback," Staubach says. "That's how much the team admired him. Those guys, to a man, loved Don Meredith."

Yes, he was free-spirited, nocturnal and favored J&B Scotch, much like his NFL hero Bobby Layne. But former Cowboys running back Walt Garrison calls Meredith a shrewd play-caller and uncanny leader.

"People are so stupid," Garrison says. "Meredith took us to the big game twice, with not the best talent. We had great players, but we didn't have the nucleus Staubach had when he came in."

Jordan says Landry appointed him as Meredith's road roommate, bodyguard and chaperon from 1965 through '68. He is proud that Meredith still calls him "Roomie."

The only drawback, Jordan says, is the all-too-vivid memory of Meredith enduring broken ribs, a collapsed lung, at least two concussions—and jeers.

"He got beat up bad, man. He was the toughest son of a gun I've ever seen, and I think I've seen a lot of them."

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Their careers didn't cross, but Staubach says Meredith often encouraged him. As the man who glamorized the Cowboys quarterback position, Meredith knew its burdens, perhaps more so than any of his successors. In August, Staubach offered to fly Don and Susan to late-Cowboys receiver Bob Hayes' Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony. They regretfully declined.

"I was going to have him on stage," Staubach says. "I was going to point to him and say, 'This is the guy who really should be up here for Bob.'"

In hindsight, Jordan says Meredith's retirement "probably ended up being the right step for him at that time of his life."

It allowed Meredith to join *Monday Night Football* and meet Susan a year later.

"The brightest ray of sunshine that you could have in a guy's life, she has been it for him," Jordan says. "She has stabilized Don's life, guided and helped him."

Last month, Jordan and his wife, Biddie, traveled to Santa Fe to visit and ask a favor.

Would Don consent to being honored next April 28 in Dallas, at a luncheon benefiting the Greater Dallas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association? Meredith, who has had family and friends afflicted with the disease, agreed.

Jordan says "A Tribute to Don Meredith: An American Champion" has had an outpouring of commitments from Cowboys spanning the franchise's half-century.

"It's going to be a tribute like you've never seen," says Jordan, voice cracking. "I love that guy so much.

He has been such an important part of my life."

I walk alone

Under windswept skies

For a travelin' man

Alone till he dies

The song's last verse evokes an "aw" from Susan. Don laughs.

His recall is patchy these days, but he can describe the moment and date, April 17, 1971, of first seeing Susan, walking along New York's Third Avenue.

"I thought I was seeing a miracle. Then, after we met, I wondered where she'd been when I really needed her." They since have spent only 24 nights apart.

Of the 914 men who have worn a Cowboys uniform, there have been more acclaimed players than The Original. But none have been more well-known, eclectic or enigmatic.

Troy Aikman is having a solid broadcasting career, but Meredith attained cult status during 170 *Monday Night* episodes, plus the '75, '77 and '85 Super Bowls.

Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin have danced with the stars, but Meredith is the only known Dallas Cowboy to guest-host *The Tonight Show*, on July 30, 1975.

Don and Susan joke that he tanked the monologue because reading cue cards wasn't his nature.

He saved face by trading barbs with guest and pal Burt Reynolds.

In those days, the Merediths spent more time in their second home, in

Palm Springs, Calif. Next-door neighbor Dinah Shore had him co-host her show for a year.

He endorsed Lipton tea, had a recurring role in TV's *Police Story* and starred in the '76 movie *Banjo Hackett: Roamin' Free*.

Of course, Garrison likes to tease that the flick wasn't actually released. It escaped.

Meredith hasn't conversed with many sportswriters in the last quarter-century, but he did perform Neil Simon's *Odd Couple* on stage with *Monday Night* partner Frank Gifford. Along the way, Don and Susan took up painting and traveled the world.

It's been quite a journey for Jeff and Hazel's baby boy. Meredith, wearing his Mount Vernon class ring, retrieves a photo of his parents from a bookcase.

"Isn't that a great picture? I'm very thankful. I'm very thankful about where I'm from and who I am."

Though he has been somewhat homebound since his minor stroke five years ago, he channels his competitiveness into FreeCell, a computer-based card game similar to solitaire.

The statistics show that Meredith has won 18,339 of 21,959 attempts, or 83 percent. Not to brag, mind you, but his top winning streak is 40 games.

The visitor asks if the Merediths would mind posing for a photo.

"Only if she'll sit on my lap," Don says.

At interview's end, Meredith asks for the reporter's notebook.

He draws a flower, sings "Yellow Rose of Texas" and signs his handiwork.

One last thing. Susan asks Don to play the song from the other side of his 45 rpm record. It is more cheery, she notes. More like him.

Meredith melody, past and present, again fills the room.

Them that ain't got it can't loo-oose

I'm servin' notice on the bloo-ues

I ain't gonna try to build my fortunes high

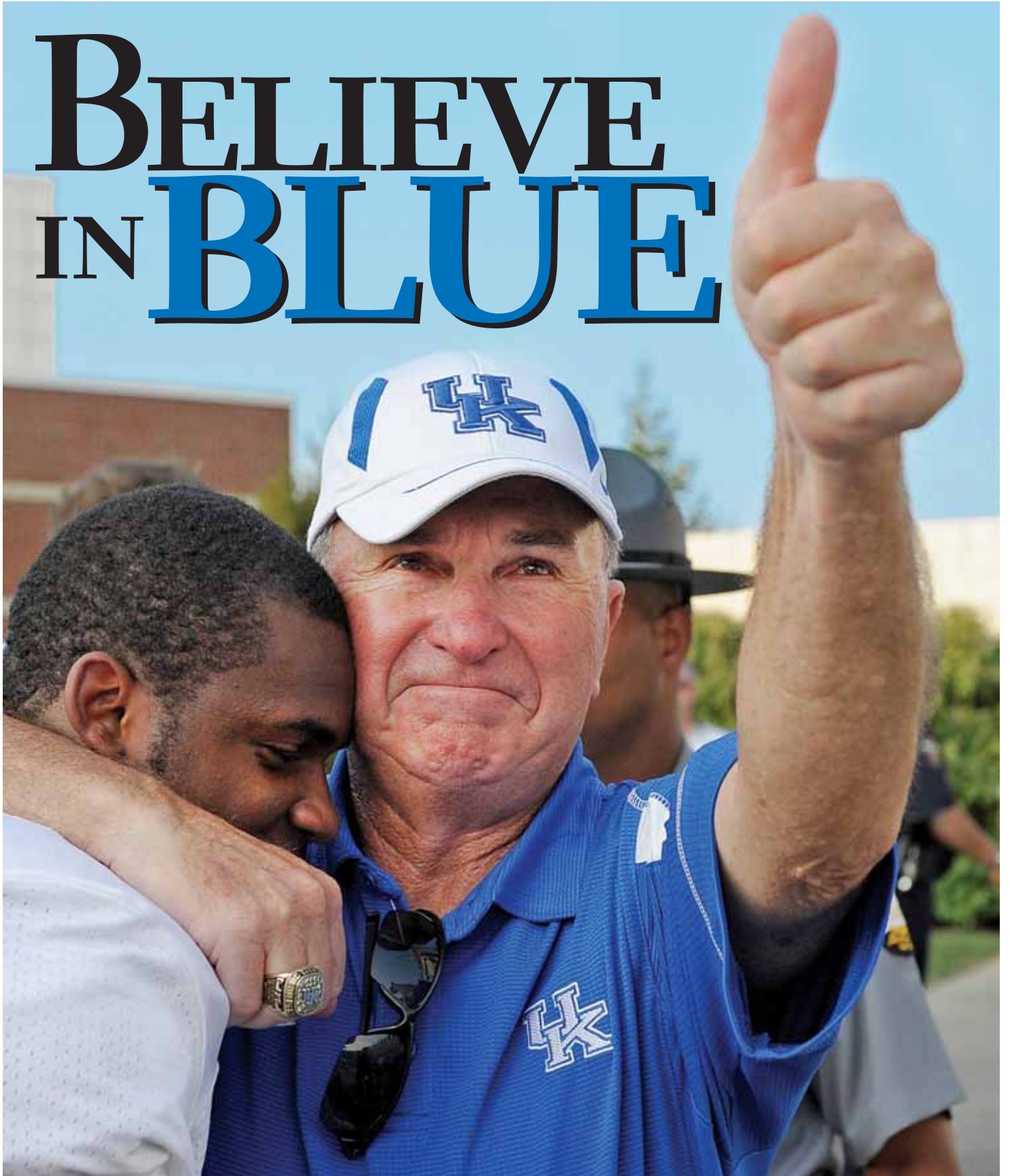
For them that ain't got it can't lose

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- › **All American quarterback for Southern Methodist University.**
- › **Selected in the third round of the 1960 NFL draft by the Chicago Bears.**
- › **Went on to play quarterback for the Cowboys, passing for more than 17,000 yards.**
- › **Was a color commentator alongside Howard Cosell on ABC's Monday Night Football.**
- › **Featured in Lipton Tea television commercials.**
- › **Was a guest host on the Tonight Show and co-hosted the Dinah Shore show.**
- › **Recorded a cover of Ricky Nelson's Travelin' Man in 1966.**

BELIEVE IN BLUE



Rich Brooks: A coach for all regions

BY JULIANNA GOSKY

Editor's note: Prior to publication Kentucky coach Rich Brooks announced that he is retiring after seven seasons coaching the Wildcats. Brooks finishes his career with a 39–47 record at Kentucky. He went 130–156–4 overall in 25 seasons overall at the collegiate level. Brooks posted a 13–19 record coaching the NFL's St. Louis Rams in the mid-1990s.

Coach Rich Brooks (*Oregon State*, '63) just wrapped up another season patrolling the sidelines at the University of Kentucky, where he has a 3–0 record in bowl games and the school's first bowl game victory in two decades. But, depending on what part of the country you are from, you might know Brooks wearing a different sweatshirt on a different sideline.

If you're from the west, Brooks was the University of Oregon's head football coach who won more games than any other coach at the school. Or, you might remember Brooks for the time he spent assistant coaching the San Francisco 49ers and the L.A. Rams. If you're from the South, you might remember Brooks helping lead the Atlanta Falcons to the 1999 Super Bowl.

Brooks' drive for success started at Oregon State University, where he won the intramural boxing championship and dominated doubles ping-pong games during his undergraduate years.

As Brooks wraps up another season in a long, successful career, he credits people he's coached with for his success.

"I've been influenced by most of the people I've worked for," Brooks said. "I try to take things from everybody I've worked with and incorporate them into my own personality."

As he talked about all of the people who have impacted his coaching style, he mentioned gaining organization from one coach, seeing the emotional side of things from another coach and developing a strong offensive and defensive mind from others.

A role model

Because he has coaching experience with both the NFL and college football, Brooks has noticed the importance of being both a coach and a role model for the college students.

"[As a coach for college students,] you're responsible for all aspects of the development of the young men, including socially and academically. In the NFL, that process is already completed so you just coach."

Brooks went on to say that he emphasizes balance in the lives of the students he has coached.

"[I] make sure I'm honest with the young men...[they should] take the academic, social and football side of life and make them all important," said Brooks.

[Phi Delt] greatly enhanced my ability to be successful in college.

His coaching style has proved to be quite successful, too, because his team has kept up so well with their studies that the players collectively earned second place in the number of men earning a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll.

Years ago, when Brooks left his small town in California and enrolled in OSU on a football scholarship, he was compelled to join Phi Delta Theta based on the influence of Wallace "Bud" Gibbs.

Gibbs was also a Phi Delt and happened to be the assistant coach who recruited Brooks. During recruitment, Brooks was immediately drawn to the Fraternity members' overall strong athletic ability and the "tremendous camaraderie in the house."

Brooks went on to learn valuable lessons from the Fraternity. Aside from having what he describes as interesting and often wild house dances and being the "best fraternity on campus at intramurals," Phi Delta Theta made Brooks a well-rounded man and prepared him for the rest of his life.

"It greatly enhanced my ability to be successful in college. In those days we had our instrumental house mom teaching manners. [This was] beneficial to me because I came from a very small town," said Brooks.

Football and Phi Delt

Growing up in a small town with his father working in the gold mines in the Sierra Nevada



University of Kentucky football coach, Rich Brooks

Mountains, Brooks always enjoyed football, but it wasn't until he received the scholarship from OSU that he knew he had the potential to become a college football coach.

Little did he know he would go on to win many awards, be inducted into the Independence Bowl Hall of Fame and have a university's football field named after him.

When he's not busy coaching the Wildcats, he uses his spare time to golf, fly fish, or spend time with his family. He met his wife while coaching her powder puff football game during his undergraduate years at OSU. They now have four children and five grandchildren.

"College is always fun," Brooks said, while offering some advice for younger Phis who are in school.

"You need to focus on developing lasting friendships and relationships. I get together with a lot of my former Phi Delt classmates and Fraternity members almost every year and [we] have established lifelong friendships from our college relationships."

Phi Delta Theta was a perfect fit for Brooks. "It was a great experience," Brooks said, adding that today's students can still benefit from joining. "It certainly has great value in developing skills and relationships that will last your lifetime. ■"

Gosky was a summer intern at Phi Delta Theta Headquarters and graduates from Miami University this spring.



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Above the weather

Phi Scot Henley is executive director of the Mt. Washington Observatory

BY ROB PASQUINUCCI

It's 16 below zero. The wind chill is 56 below. Winds are gusting to more than 70 miles an hour. It's so cold clouds literally freeze.

It's the kind of weather Scot Henley, *Utah '95*, calls a "brisk" day at the White Mountain Observatory in New Hampshire, home of the "worst weather on earth." Henley, executive director of the observatory, has the perfect job for

the self-professed weather geek who began his college career studying meteorology.

"It's fascinating work," Henley said. "I'm lucky to be leading one of the most important non-profits in New Hampshire."

The Mt. Washington Observatory is located at the summit of Mt. Washington in the White Mountains in New Hampshire. At 6,288 feet, Mt. Washington is the highest peak in the

Northeast. The mountain is located at the convergence of virtually every major storm track in the U.S., making it an ideal location to observe weather and atmospheric phenomena.

"It's other-worldly up there," Henley said. "It's cold, with 100 mile-per-hour winds, ice and fog."

Regular meteorological observation began on the mountain in the late 1800s, and the observatory's permanent home was established



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Phi Scott Henley, Executive Director

at the summit in 1932. Two years later, in April 1934, the region's notorious chaotic spring winds started howling, building to a world-record speed of 231 miles per hour—the highest ever recorded on earth. Luckily, buildings at the summit are literally chained to the ground or built to withstand 300 MPH winds.

“From those earliest days until now, we’ve been able to capture seven decades of climate research,” Henley said. The observatory assists scientists examining climate change, private companies looking to test products in extreme conditions and educators looking to provide hands-on exposure to weather study.

With the advent of the Internet, the observatory can provide more distance learning opportunities around the world.

“It’s amazing—a class of students can contact us from Scottsdale, where it’s 105 degrees and it’s 40



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1930s Observatory Office

degrees here and talk to young, passionate scientists about their work,” Henley said. “It’s really the only fully-staffed mountain weather station.”

The station is located in Mt. Washington State Park. During the summer, 250,000 visitors drive, hike or take a train to the summit. But when winter sets in, the road closes, the train shuts down and a snow tractor is the only way up or down.

“The crew piles in, along with a week’s supplies and up they go,” Henley said.

The ride can take as little as an hour to as much as four hours depending on weather conditions. The extreme weather is why the station needs to be constantly staffed. Wind and snow form rime ice—whipped-cream like ice formations that collect on every surface at the summit. The rime ice effects the operations of anemometers and other sensors and has

to be knocked off. Also, much of the observations need a human touch to complement electronic measurements. The staff also takes humidity measurements manually using a sling psychrometer, a device containing two mercury thermometers that is spun around to provide a humidity reading.

In addition to scientists, volunteers ride up to cook and perform other tasks to allow the scientists to do their work.

“We wouldn’t be what we are today without



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Mt. Washington Observatory

volunteers,” Henley said. “They are a key part of the operation.”

Anytime you can stand up and make your point in a room of your peers, you will build your confidence. I grew as an individual at the Phi Delt house in Utah.

Although he’s made several trips to the summit, much of Henley’s work takes place at lower elevations—fundraising, managing the observatory staff, finding corporate sponsors and spreading the news about the observatory and its programs. The station was recently featured in National Geographic and has been on the Weather Channel along with various morning shows.

News coverage on climate change and the growth of weather coverage in general has helped build exposure for the observatory.

Henley has worked in the ski tourism industry and, during an earlier stint at the observatory, served as the organization’s first marketing manager.

Henley grew up in New England before heading west to complete college at Utah, where he joined the Utah Alpha chapter. Joining Phi Delta Theta helped him develop and hone the leadership skills needed throughout his career.

“Anytime you can stand up and make your point in a room of your peers, you will build your confidence. I grew as an individual at the Phi Delt house in Utah,” Henley said. “I also developed lifelong friendships with the Brothers there.”

When not working, two sons keep Henley and his wife, Michelle, busy. Living in the mountains, he enjoys outdoor activities, including skiing, snowboarding and bird watching. ■



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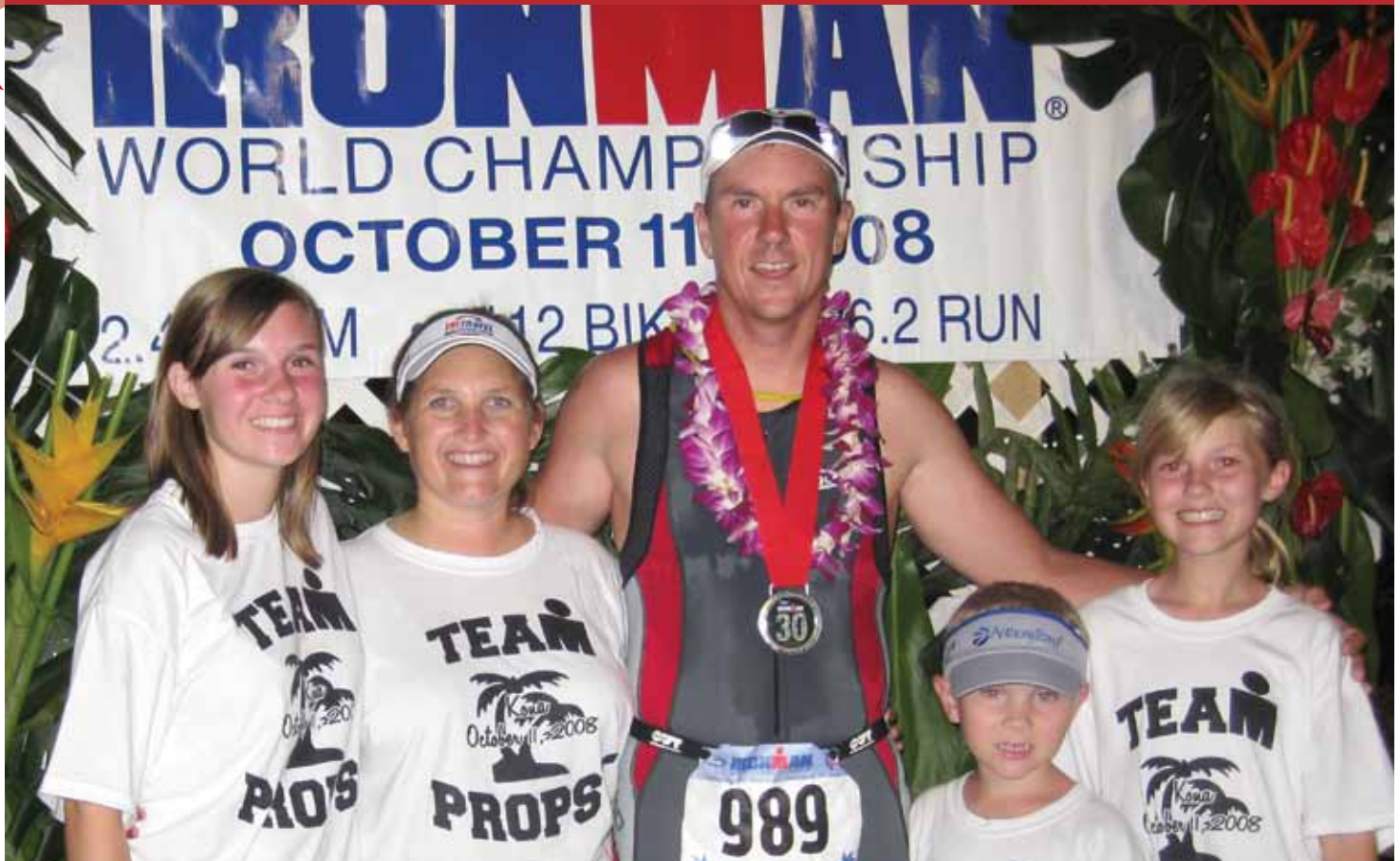
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Hard work pays off

Phi Rich Probst attributes Phi Delta for his persistence and commitment in completing an Ironman competition

BY KEITH WYSOCKI

Richard Propst...YOU ARE AN IRONMAN!" When Rich Propst, *Nebraska '90*, heard those words on October 11, 2008, they were ones this Nebraska Phi had imagined hearing for years, words that he dedicated to the memory of his parents—particularly his dad—and words that just six months earlier, he could only dream of hearing.

The Ironman World Championship in Hawaii has been an elusive dream for many athletes. Tens of thousands vie for a place at the starting line on Hawaii's big island each year. And for those who do not qualify at one of the designated qualifying races held around the world, there is only the slim chance of making it in via the event's famous lottery system.

"The founders wanted to make sure the normal, everyday athlete has the opportunity to do it," Rich explains. So each year, the names of 150 Americans and 50 international men and women are drawn for the chance to compete alongside the athletes who post a qualifying time.

The lottery is almost as old as the Ironman itself. The event began with just fourteen participants and six finishers in 1978, but it grew in popularity so fast that the number of entrants had to be limited. While the number of participants has grown since the lottery was introduced in 1983, the Ironman is still limited to 1800 spots—and the vast majority of athletes can only hope to receive one of the 200 spots available through the lottery.



Competing in the Ironman originally crossed Rich's mind when he was growing up on a farm in eastern Nebraska. He was a swimmer and cross country runner at Plattsmouth High School when he first saw the Ironman on TV, and his thoughts were the same as those of most other amateur athletes who hear about the event for the first time: "That would be neat to be able to do, but that's for special people." Rich was right, but he had no idea that he might one day be one of those people.

Rich continued to swim for his high school and for a club team he traveled with in the Midwest. In the fall of 1986 he came to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and walked on to the Nebraska swim team. "I trained with the team for half a semester," Rich says, "but I decided to hang up my suit and focus on academics and the Fraternity."

Rich had also pledged Phi Delta Theta his freshman year, just like his father, Richard '45, had done more than four decades earlier at the University of Florida. For Rich, it was a no-brainer to heed his dad's instructions to "go over to the Phi Delt house and introduce yourself."

"They brought me in and were very welcoming," Rich recalls. "From that point on, I made lots of friends." Rich's chapter brothers were also good role models for him and they helped him to stay in school when he struggled academically. "They were smart guys with a desire to be good students," Rich says, "and they stressed good qualities of getting involved and keeping your nose clean." They also taught Rich the lesson that "hard work pays off," something that would stick with him through the years.

During Rich's college days he began dating an Alpha Chi Omega named Lisa. After graduating, Rich followed Lisa to Dallas and they were married in 1992. Within a few years, they were back in Nebraska, raising children of their own.

Swimming took a backseat as Rich became busy with work and family life, but he watched the Ironman World Championship religiously each year and he never let go of the dream of competing in it himself. Rich had been to Hawaii with his parents when he was young, and the Ironman seemed like a terrific excuse to go back. His dad joked that Rich was nuts for wanting to compete in an Ironman, but he and Rich's mom, Delores, remained their son's biggest supporters.

In 2001, Rich decided he wanted to start getting in shape again. He began swimming and riding a stationary bike, as well as reading books about triathlons. The next year, he completed his first sprint triathlon in North Platte, Nebraska—about four hours from his home in Plattsmouth. "I fell in love," Rich says, "and I signed up for number two immediately." In some ways, the triathlon was easier than Rich had expected. "You're so busy doing the different disciplines that you don't realize how tired you are until it's done." But completing a sprint triathlon was a far cry from completing an Ironman.

Over the next few years, Rich increased his training and worked his way up from sprint triathlons to Olympic-distance triathlons. He entered his name in the Ironman lottery for the first time and set his sights on longer distances.

When Rich's mother became ill in 2004, she insisted he follow his dreams. In her final days, she exhorted Rich to "do that Ironman," which further strengthened his resolve. He continued training, and in 2005, he had his first taste of long distance triathlons when he completed a half ironman in Oceanside, California.

Rich learned how demanding a long distance triathlon could be, but he was "more hooked" than ever before. He took a year-long hiatus, however, as he focused on helping his dad at the farm and getting a second degree. Before long, something else took precedence over training: his dad was sick.

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Richard J. Propst had always been a knight in shining armor in his son's eyes—a war hero, an upstanding citizen and a loving father.

Richard was initiated into Phi Delta Theta in the spring of 1942 at the University of Florida. When his brother joined the Air Force, he

decided to move home and help his father on the family farm. Before long, he was drafted, and it was off to Europe to serve in the "Super Sixth" Armored Division, one of General Patton's Third Army divisions. The Super Sixth saw a great deal of time on the front lines, and Rich's dad played a role in both the rescue of the surrounded 101st Airborne Division during the Battle of the Bulge as well as the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp.

After the war, Richard finished his education at the University of Nebraska, earning degrees in chemistry and psychology. Perhaps it was the psychology degree that helped him to read people and succeed at bluffing in card games. Rich has heard stories from his dad's buddies about the Richard Propst who "paid his way through college by playing poker." His friends would also describe a guy who was "a lot of fun" and loved to meet people. Dance parties were big in those days and if something by the Glenn Miller Orchestra was playing, you could bet that Richard was out on the dance floor.

During college, Richard met Delores who lived in the Delta Delta Delta house across the street from Phi Delt. Richard and Delores were married, and they moved to the Propst farm where they would raise their two children: Mary and Rich.

Rich describes his dad as "one of the most upstanding gentlemen I've ever met." He adds that his dad "had a really good sense of humor," but was also "polite and respectful." Gentle, yet strong. You always knew where you stood with Rich's dad. "Nothing could beat him down," Rich remembers. Nothing until ALS.

The first sign that something was wrong came in the fall of 2006. "Dad started falling," Rich recalls, and the falls became more frequent. Realizing it was a pattern, he decided to go to a doctor. At first, the doctor thought Rich's dad might have suffered a stroke, but there were no other signs to confirm this prognosis. The doctor advised that he see a neurologist, but Richard was scared and he waited four months before going. He finally went in March of 2007 and the tests began. All the neurologist would confirm was that whatever was happening was permanent; the tests would tell the rest. Needles were stuck in Richard's muscles to measure the muscle response and check for degeneration. The tests narrowed down the possibilities until only one remained: He was suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the disease that had claimed Lou Gehrig's life.

When he was diagnosed on May 11, Richard could walk with a cane. Four weeks later, he was in a wheelchair. “It was unreal to see my dad go downhill so quickly,” Rich says. Rich moved in with his dad and stayed by his side as the disease grew worse. “Every week, it was something new. It was the most helpless feeling I’ve ever felt in my life.” Rich remembers all too vividly the choking, the coughing fits, and hearing his dad’s final breaths. That August, Rich’s dad passed away at the age of 84.

The loss of his dad took a heavy toll on Rich, but he knew he had to dig himself out of the hole he was in. When the 2008 Ironman lottery rolled around, Rich signed up, but he was not optimistic about his chances. “Eight to ten thousand people sign up, so you know the odds are against you.”

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April 16, 2008 seemed like an ordinary Wednesday.

But while watching a one minute segment in the middle of the DVR-ed program it gave the names of the 2008 Ironman World Championship lottery winners. When he saw his name, he turned to his wife and said “We’re going to Hawaii.”

Her response? “Yeah, right.”

But Rich rewound the DVR and after watching his name scroll across the screen again, they checked the official Ironman website to confirm that his name had been drawn. At once, Rich was very excited and very scared. The man on the program called the Ironman World Championship the world’s toughest single day endurance event. Rich had never run a marathon, let alone run a marathon after swimming 2.4 miles and biking 112 miles. And now he had less than six months before he would be doing just that. An email arrived two days later, again confirming that he had indeed been selected; Rich immediately began to focus on preparation for an October day that seemed very distant, and yet, very near.

One of the first steps was to find a coach, and Rich contacted Paul Huddle, a former professional triathlete, to guide him through the training journey. Huddle would send workouts via email and talk to Rich once a week about the progress he was making. Early in his training, Rich was worried about even finishing the race, but Huddle reassured him, “You’ll cross that finish line with a smile on your face.”

At first, Rich’s training sessions lasted an hour or two on weekdays and three to five hours on

weekends. To be ready for the Ironman, however, he would have to train for longer periods of time and at longer distances. As summer drew to a close, his weekday workouts often approached three hours and his weekend sessions began at 7 a.m. and ended just in time to make it home for dinner. On these long days, a typical training session consisted of a 4000-yard swim, a 100-mile bike ride and a six-mile run.

This regimen continued until three weeks prior to the Ironman, when it was time to start tapering off the training. On October 3, eight days before the event, Rich and his family flew to Hawaii. He spent the next week doing easy workouts on different parts of the course to become familiar with the conditions.

The Ironman World Championship is especially grueling because of the wind and heat. It is not unusual for temperatures to exceed 110 degrees; gusts of wind can reach 50 mph, and sustained winds of 35 mph last throughout the day. To make it even more challenging, each segment increases in difficulty as the race progresses. Athletes begin their swim with the current but finish against it. The bike ride begins with 20 miles of tailwind, but is dominated by cross headwinds the rest of the way. For the first 10 miles of the run, athletes are surrounded by cheering spectators with cameras; the rest is through a lava field where the runner is often alone.

When he was not training, Rich and his family spent time at their condo or visiting the beach and local shops. During this final week of preparation, Rich found a special way to honor his parents. It is a tradition to make a lava monument to appease the Hawaiian gods and Rich made his with two white rocks to represent Richard and Delores.

During the final days before the Ironman, NBC Sports interviewed Rich and Lisa. Each year, a handful of participants are selected by the Ironman corporation or by NBC Sports to have their stories featured, and Rich’s was one of those selected. In addition to interviewing Rich before and after the race, the NBC Sports crew would look for him throughout the Ironman to capture footage.

Finally, the day before the Ironman rolled around. Rich had gear check-in and it was here that nervousness about the race began to set in. When Rich talked to Huddle later that day and told him he was feeling nervous, his coach joked, “You should. Because you’re gonna die tomorrow!” But then he reassured Rich that it

was normal to be nervous and that he should just view it as a long training day with catered snacks and water, and people who want to make sure he finishes. Try and sleep, Huddle told him.

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At 3 a.m., four hours before race time, Rich was unable to sleep any more. Thoughts raced through his head: “Am I rested? Am I ready? Will the weather be okay? Will it be hot? And what about those legendary winds?” After putting on his race suit and eating a pre-race meal, Rich kissed Lisa goodbye and went to the shuttle bus pick-up for the athletes. Like Rich, the other athletes on the bus were quiet, nervously intent on the day that was about to unfold.

After the opening ceremonies, the professional athletes began the race. Fifteen minutes later, the gun went off, and the race began for everyone else. Rich was accustomed to the chaos that ensues at the beginning of a triathlon. The athlete is surrounded by people and it is a struggle just to avoid getting hit or kicked. In his other triathlons, Rich had been able to separate himself from the crowd after the first couple hundred yards. In the Ironman, there were so many swimmers of a high caliber that it was difficult to get away from the flailing limbs. Rich tried to move toward the outside of the pack to find more space, but it was still very crowded. It was not until the turn for home that Rich found open water and felt safe from the arm and legs of the other athletes. After a relatively calm swim back to the island, Rich rinsed off and changed, and volunteers helped him apply sunscreen for the 112-mile bike ride.

The first six miles of the ride took Rich on a figure-eight loop through the streets of Kona before the course led the athletes onto the highways that traverse the desolate, dark hills of lava. Sure enough, after the first 20 miles, “the winds started to get downright nasty.” The windy days on the Nebraska plains were no comparison to these gusts and Rich was almost blown off his bike more than once. “Those gusts were terrifying,” Rich recalls. “It felt like someone was riding right next to you and hit you as hard as they could.”

Rich eagerly anticipated turning around at the halfway point of the ride, but the winds were still challenging on the way back. With the wind at the athlete’s back, “the gusts hit you going faster and it gets even scarier.” Another challenge is the change in wind direction during the day. In the morning, the wind blows out to the ocean, creating the

first headwind of the ride. Later in the day, the wind blows in to the island, creating another headwind on the way back.

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As the day wore on, the heat became very noticeable as well. “When you could feel the heat radiating up from the road, you know it’s hot,” Rich says. The advice of his coach to break the race into small pieces and focus on the task at hand helped him get through these long stretches. Late in the day, with about 100 miles of the ride behind him, Rich rode past the lava monument he had made, a powerful reminder of his two biggest supporters—supporters who were there in spirit.

After biking back into Kona, it was time for the final leg: the 26.2 mile run. The first part of the run takes the athlete along the oceanfront and then turns to the hot lava fields. At that point, “it’s just you and the road,” Rich says. “You push yourself beyond what you’re capable of to get to the finish line.”

About halfway through the run, Rich began to feel severe abdominal pains that made it very painful to keep going. “I started to panic,” Rich says, “but I was scared to stop at the medical tent because I didn’t want to get pulled.” He drank as much water as he could at the aid stations and began to alternate between running and walking. It was around this time when Rich met up with an Australian woman who became his “drill sergeant.” “She wouldn’t let me walk if I slowed down,” Rich says. “We pushed each other and kept each other company.”

The sun had gone down by now and there were just a few miles to go. “You’re all alone with your pain and thoughts and exhaustion,” Rich says. But on the last stretch, “you go from absolute loneliness to almost the tunnel walk,” Rich says, referring to the Nebraska football team’s entrance into the stadium at home games. Throughout the final four miles, the spectators lined the streets, offering their applause, encouragement and high fives. At mile 25 of the run, Rich heard a man in the crowd yell, “Congratulations” to him. A sense of accomplishment began to sink in.

“Any pain went out the window,” Rich says.

And as he approached the finish line, the words that came from the loudspeaker drowned out the music and cheering: “All the way from Plattsmouth, Nebraska, 40-year-old...Richard Propst...YOU ARE AN IRONMAN!”

Like many of the athletes, Rich found the aftermath of the race overwhelming. “Racing in memory of my dad was an over-the-top emotional experience,” he remembers. Too absorbed during the race to think about it, he was finally hit by a “whirlwind of emotions.” The thought of being in the Ironman had seemed so surreal during Rich’s training. But now he was living through it.

“It was an honor and a privilege to be able to compete at such an illustrious event,” Rich says of the experience. “I was very humbled to have the opportunity. I felt like it was a gift.”

A dream realized. A dream made possible by the support of his family, the memory of his parents, and a belief that anything was possible.

“You have to believe you can do it,” Rich says. “If you want to do it, and you put your heart into it, you can do it.”

Rich attributes much of his persistence and commitment to achieving his goal to the lessons he learned from Phi Delta Theta. The example of the Phi Delta Theta upperclassmen that “hard work pays off” helped guide him throughout life and never was that lesson more important than in preparing for the Ironman. “You have to put in a lot of work and be consistent,” Rich says. Completing the Ironman required a deep commitment, but it was one Rich would gladly undertake again. “Would I do it again?” Rich asks. “I’d do it tomorrow!”

Rich continues to work out regularly, swimming three days a week. He looks forward to competing in the Lincoln Marathon and his first Xterra—an off-road triathlon. Eventually, he expects to compete in the Ironman World Championship again as well. “I have every plan to get back to Hawaii, to get back to that special place,” he says. “I will return to Kona. I don’t know when, but I will return.”

To find out more about Rich’s story, visit his daughter’s blog at: <http://ironmanbytanzi.blogspot.com/> ■

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Inspired by Rich’s Story? Become an Iron Phi

Are you an athlete looking to do good as you accomplish your athletic goals? Have you ever aspired to get back in shape by training for a race in your community? Are you looking for an idea to get your chapter brothers from your era back together? Is your chapter looking to take its philanthropic efforts to the next level?

Enter Iron Phi.

Phi Delta Theta’s Iron Phi initiative was developed as a way to strengthen both Phi Delta Theta and its impact on the fight against Lou Gehrig’s disease. Through the fundraising efforts of members of Phi Delta Theta on the way to achieving personal athletic goals, the Fraternity will be able to mobilize its membership base to help the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and The ALS Association achieve their missions.

To become an “Iron Phi,” members of Phi Delta Theta (undergraduates and alumni) must select an athletic endeavor (marathon, half-marathon, running relay, duathlon, triathlon, ironman, bike race, etc.), raise \$1,000 for that athletic event and accomplish the athletic event itself. It is our goal to have a select number of large-scale Iron Phi events each year across North America, but we also envision Brothers becoming “Iron Phis” through chapter or individual-led athletic endeavors in local communities.

Learn about how you can become an Iron Phi by visiting www.ironphi.com.

PHI DELTA THETA *Sports Hall of Fame*

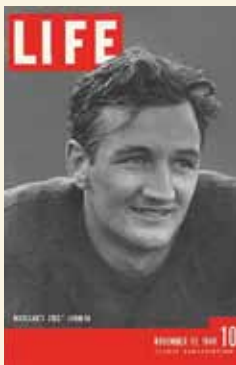
Baseball has Cooperstown. Football has Canton. Basketball can be found in Springfield and Hockey in Toronto, but in June of 2010, Orlando's General Convention will host the unveiling of the Phi Delta Theta Sports Hall of Fame.

The Phi Delta Theta Sports Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize members of Phi Delta Theta who have impacted the world of amateur, collegiate or professional sports while living and exhibiting the three cardinal principles of the Fraternity.

The inaugural class has been selected and will be presented during the opening session of the 78th Biennial Convention at the Renaissance Resort at Sea World in Orlando, Florida during a very special awards ceremony that will include a video montage honoring Phis current Phis in attendance and those in the Chapter Grand like Lou Gehrig, Ritter Collett, Tom Harmon and Harry Kalas.

Our MC for this tremendous event will be Scroll Cover man, Tom Farrey, *Florida '86* of ESPN. Brother Farrey is more than qualified to preside over this ceremony having covered a wide breadth of hard-hitting stories on the illegal flow of steroids from Mexico, the corrupt business of recruiting and signing Dominican baseball prospects in Major League Baseball, the torture of Olympic Iraqi Soccer Players, the cloning of race horses, the hidden public costs of the New York Yankees' new \$1.9 billion stadium project, and much more.

Phi Delta Theta has a proud history in the world of sports and hopes that you'll help celebrate that history with Brother Farrey and the rest of the convention delegates this summer in Orlando. Visit Phideltatheta.org for more details. ■



Tom Harmon



Grantland Rice



Lou Gehrig



Harry Kalas



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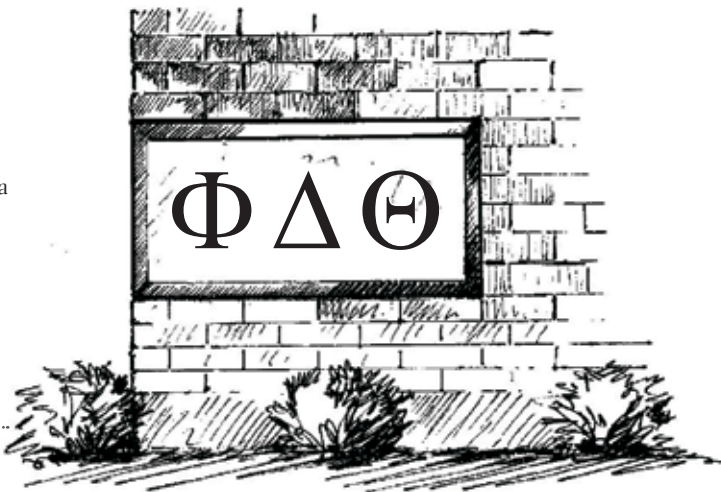
Cornerstone Club

The Fraternity has recently created a new giving society, entitled the Cornerstone Club, to recognize alumni who contribute to local chapter campaigns supporting the "bricks and mortar" of a chapter facility. This fall, alumni who have contributed \$25,000 or more, in support of the capital campaigns of Indiana Gamma, Arkansas Alpha and California Delta have been recognized as Key Contributors of the Cornerstone Club during a very special presentation at their respective house dedications. These same alumni will be invited to attend the General Convention in Orlando in June 2010 to also be recognized during the volunteer luncheon.

During the first year of this program, the Fraternity would like to retroactively recognize alumni who have contributed to a local housing campaign throughout the years.

We want to hear from you!

If you are aware of any alumnus who has been a key contributor to such a campaign and would like him to be recognized, please contact Associate Executive Vice President, Sean Wagner, at swagner@phideltatheta.org.



Expansion Update

The 2009–2010 school year proves to be another successful year for Phi Delta Theta's expansion team. Having already surpassed its goal of 500 new colony members for the biennium, the Fraternity looks to colonize and install several more groups this school year. Below is a summary of the colonizations and installations that have already occurred this academic year.

Iowa Beta-University of Iowa

Installed: March 27, 1882 | Re-installed: November 14, 2009



Number of Initiated Brothers: 1822

In the fall of 2007, brothers Jamie and Sandy Travis, initiates of Kansas Alpha at the University of Kansas, transferred to the University of Iowa only to discover there was not an active chapter of Phi Delta Theta on campus. The Travis brothers contacted General

Headquarters to offer their support toward the re-colonization of Iowa Beta and learned that Phi Delta Theta had already begun plans to return to Iowa in the fall of 2008. Despite having to wait an entire academic year, both brothers resolved to assist the chapter's return by whatever means necessary.

In August of 2008, Phi Delta Theta staff members arrived in Iowa City to begin the Iowa Beta expansion project. After two months of recruitment and education, twenty-seven men had been tasked with the responsibility of restarting the chapter as Founding Fathers of the Iowa Beta colony. Given their past chapter experience, Jamie and Sandy were selected to be the colony President and Warden, respectively.

In September of this year, the Iowa Beta colony successfully petitioned the Survey Commission and General Council for the return of the chapter's charter. On Friday, November 13th these men were initiated in a ceremony presided over by General Council Reporter Chris Lapple, *Northridge '80*. The next day, on behalf of the chapter and his newly initiated brothers, Jamie Travis received the chapter's original charter from 1882.

Maryland Delta-Johns Hopkins University

Colonized: February 13, 2009 | Installed: November 21, 2009

Number of Initiated Brothers: 45

In September of 2008, Phi Delta Theta General Headquarters decided to try a new approach to expansion by posting an "Are You a Leader?" advertisement on the Johns Hopkins University Facebook Network. After a few months of running the Facebook advertisement, the staff had nearly forgotten about it until the Director of Expansion received an email from an interested student. The email came from Justin Shen, a sophomore at Johns Hopkins University, who had clicked on the advertisement which led him to Phi Delta Theta's expansion website. Shen was attracted to Phi Delta Theta's strong sense of values and felt that there was a great need for such an organization on the Hopkins campus.



Shen quickly began to identify several of his fellow peers to join him as Founding Fathers of Hopkins' newest fraternity. In just a few weeks time, the group had grown to over twenty-five members, appointed officers, and under Shen's leadership as President, begun to fastidiously work on their petition to become a colony. By the time of their colonization as the Maryland Delta colony on February, 13, 2009, the group had grown to thirty-six Founding Fathers. Taking great pride in diversity and involvement, the colony drew members from different ethnicities, nationalities and faiths and quickly became one of the most involved fraternities on the Johns Hopkins campus. The colony also was able to maintain a 3.28 cumulative GPA during their first semester as a colony

In September of 2009, the Maryland Delta colony petitioned the Survey Commission and General Council for formal recognition as a chapter, and it was unanimously approved. On November 20th the now forty-five Founding Fathers were all initiated into the Bond of Phi Delta Theta in a ceremony attended by alumni and undergraduate Phis from Maryland, Washington College, Louisville, Widener, Nevada-Las Vegas, Akron, Centre College, Cameron, Chico State, Northern Arizona, Cincinnati and Tennessee Tech. The next day Maryland Delta was formally installed in a ceremony presided over by David Almacy, *Widener '92* and chairman of the Survey Commission. During the installation ceremony, Brother Almacy presented Shen with the charter and an engraved gavel to commemorate the momentous occasion. ■

Help Support Expansion!

Want to support an up-and-coming chapter in your area? Contact GHQ at 513.523.6345 or visit areyoualeader.com.

Colonizations

Oklahoma Gamma
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Colonized: October 23, 2008
Number of Colony Members: 32

California Upsilon
California State University, Fresno
Colonized: October 24, 2009
Number of Colony Members: 33

Tennessee Alpha
Vanderbilt University
Colonized: November 15, 2009
Number of Colony Members: 46

California Pi
San Diego State University
Colonized: November 20, 2009
Number of Colony Members: 87

Washington Alpha
University of Washington
Colonized: December 3, 2009
Number of Colony Members: 30

Upcoming Spring Expansion:
Florida Atlantic University

Are you True Blue?

True Blue welcomes more than 1,200 members

Since the introduction of the True Blue Society in June of 2008, over 1,200 True Blue Society members have stepped up to help Phi Delta Theta support the communications of the Fraternity as well as its alumni programming.

Their commitment has allowed the Fraternity to continue to support the volunteers of Phi Delta Theta's chapter advisory boards, house corporations and alumni clubs, but has also funded a number of new services for alumni programming.

Thanks to the True Blue Society, Phi Delta Theta is proud to continue to improve the quality of this magazine and it has helped develop the e-zine, *Scroll Extra*, that features news items supplemented with dynamic content from the web. Additionally, a number of alumni programs that would not have been otherwise possible if not for the True Blue Society, have been created to help support, educate and recognize Phi

Delt Alumni. These programs include the Phi Delta Theta Facebook Application which allows undergraduate and alumni members to search for one another by chapter, location, profession and industry, the newly launched Cornerstone Club, which helps local house corporations recognize their top contributors, the Chapter Advisory Board Summit Webinar Series, educating the Fraternity's volunteers who directly support our undergraduate brothers, and the Phi Delta Theta Job and Networking Guides, providing members a resource for professional development in these tough economic times.

If you haven't joined yet, there is still an opportunity to support these programs and your fellow brothers by becoming a True Blue Phi. Sign up today and receive a lapel pin, wallet card, subscription to the printed version of *The Scroll*, premium discounts on travel, entertainment and retail opportunities with vendors such as Brooks Brothers and receive a chance to represent the



Trey Wingo, Phi, ESPN Correspondent and True Blue Member

True Blue Society at the annual presentation of the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award to an active MLB Player. Also, if you join now, you will also receive the executive, True Blue Society tie.

To sign up or for more information, go to www.truebluesociety.org.

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Texas Christian University | 879 Glenn E. Niebling
Valparaiso University | 892 Nicholas J. Solis
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University of Georgia | 867 Dana W. Pratt
Miami University | 880 John W. Young
West Virginia University | 893 Charles G. Corken
Oklahoma State University |
| 855 Douglas J. Gunn
University of Mississippi | 868 Chip Graves
Texas Tech University | 881 Robert B. Boyd
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University of New Mexico | 869 Mark F. Yurek
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Florida State University | 870 William C. Woerner Jr.
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Butler University | 926 Steven D. Curtright
University of Nebraska-Lincoln | 953 Christopher D. Nelson
University of Arizona | 980 Clyde A. Crego
University of Montana-Missoula |
| 912 Henry L. Vinyard Jr.
University of Maryland | 927 Jonathon R. Collier
Hanover College | 954 James E. Lewis
Hanover College | 981 Reed M. Ryan
Davidson College |
| 913 Steven C. Pohnert
Case Western Reserve University | 928 Jacob A. Ternes
Emporia State University | 955 William J. Hohns
Syracuse University | 982 John E. Davies
University of Alberta |
| 914 Edwin E. Rives Jr.
University of North Carolina | 929 Charles J. Hart Jr.
University of Maryland | 956 Rayvon Hill
Calif. State University Northridge | 983 Taylor L. Ward
University of Arkansas |
| 915 Robert C. Morrison
Westminster College | 930 Kipp R. Downing
University of Colorado | 957 Eric J. Erickson
Washington State University | 984 James P. Foran
University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| 916 "James H. Moore, Jr."
University of Nebraska-Lincoln | 931 Phillip D. Engle
University of Oklahoma | 958 Colonel Jerry J. Felmley
University of Illinois | 985 David K. Forssen
University of Washington |
| 917 Douglas H. Dunbar
Sonoma State University | 932 Adam M. Hasner
University of Maryland | 959 Ryan M. Tuohey
University of Hartford | 986 Trent P. Godby
University of Texas-Arlington |
| 918 Herbert M. Ponder Jr.
Vanderbilt University | 933 David B. Morin
University of Colorado | 960 Robert M. O. Sutton Sr.
Mass. Institute of Technology | 987 Michael J. Elowson
University of Southern California |
| 919 David W. Patton
Arizona State University | 934 T. William Estes Jr.
Vanderbilt University | 961 E. Don Riley
Texas Tech University | 988 Steven A. Rozycki
Purdue University |
| | 935 Harry L. Thacker Jr.
Westminster College | 962 Salvatore M. Cutrona Jr.
Gettysburg College | 989 Arthur C. Frock Jr.
Miami University |
| | 936 Jeffrey M. Penta
Southern New Hampshire University | 963 Robert R. Sommer
University of Michigan | 990 John C. Sifers
University of Cincinnati |
| | 937 Richard E. Bangert
University of Pennsylvania | 964 William P. Bramanti
Knox College | 991 Alejandro I. Vargas
Southwestern University |
| | 938 Stephen J. Ruda
Calif. State University Northridge | 965 Gregory A. Horton
Georgia Institute of Technology | 992 John L. Smith
Southwestern University |
| | 939 Daniel L. DeMarco
Allegheny College | 966 Fred L. Carnes
Butler University | 993 Sherwood H. Smith Jr.
University of North Carolina |
| | 940 Louis S. Binder
University of Minnesota | 967 Joe A. Swope Jr.
Indiana University | 994 Charles Kilo
Washington University |
| | 941 Aaron K. Hiemstra
Oregon Institute of Technology | 968 Philip S. Kappes
Butler University | 995 Keith E. Dallas
Southern Methodist University |
| | 942 Michael L. Henson
University of Nevada, Reno | 969 J. Hyatt Brown
University of Florida | 996 Auston K. Anders
Texas Tech University |
| | 943 James H. Hilands
University of Oregon | 970 Thomas N. Farrey
University of Florida | 997 Tommy J. Ashabraner
Schreiner University |
| | 944 Arthur C. Vogel
University of Pittsburgh | 971 John J. Budack
University of Minnesota | 998 William C. Haas
University of Miami |
| | 945 Gregg L. Rothermund
Ohio State University | 972 V. Paul Murray Jr.
Lehigh University | 999 Joe R. Horkey
Texas Tech University |
| | 946 Gregory T. Karmazin
Denison University | 973 Brett M. Miller
Missouri Western State University | 1000 Thomas S. Woodroof
Vanderbilt University |

- 1001 Edward L. Schuoler
Washington State University
- 1002 William L. Webster
Whitman College
- 1003 Robert W. Riggert
Oregon State University
- 1004 Sanford M. Markham
University of Kansas
- 1005 Royal W. Moore
Southern Methodist University
- 1006 Marvin E. Walker
University of Akron
- 1007 William C. Boyd
Texas Tech University
- 1008 Robert L. Morgan
Washington State University
- 1009 F. T. Zwetschke
University of Illinois
- 1010 Morgan F. Holmes
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1011 Wayne R. Harvey
Tennessee Technological University
- 1012 Thomas W. Graham
Iowa State University
- 1013 Dick Bennett
Kent State University
- 1014 Charles H. Nogle
Miami University
- 1015 Ronald C. Pierce
Purdue University
- 1016 D. Sentell Fox
Oklahoma State University
- 1017 Anthony R. Beranek
University of Cincinnati
- 1018 Joseph W. Elliott
Purdue University
- 1019 Thomas D. Gholson
Texas Christian University
- 1020 Jesse Mercado
Sonoma State University
- 1021 Wade T. Andres II
University of Georgia
- 1022 Paul McGarrah
Stephen F. Austin State University
- 1023 Larry L. R. Smith
University of Kentucky
- 1024 Joseph D. DeStefano
University of South Florida
- 1025 Robert C. Pancoast
Ohio State University
- 1026 John R. Jamison
Iowa State University
- 1027 Lewis B. Sharp
University of Arkansas
- 1028 Larry G. Rodgers
University of Akron
- 1029 Cory J. Williams
Centre College
- 1030 Patrick J. O'Malley
Rollins College
- 1031 Melvin Meling
Iowa State University
- 1032 James R. Kevil
University of Kentucky
- 1033 Doran G. Post
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 1034 Christopher W. Brito
University of Kansas
- 1035 Donald D. Schaffer
Lafayette College
- 1036 Olin B. Lane Jr.
Southern Methodist University
- 1037 Charles L. Bowerman
Wabash College
- 1038 Ronald G. Franklin
Oklahoma State University
- 1039 John R. Sweeney
Willamette University
- 1040 J. John Wortman
Washburn University
- 1041 Laurence E. Ohl
University of Colorado
- 1042 John R. McKone
Kansas State University
- 1043 John B. Schulze
Southern Methodist University
- 1044 Andrew J. Soffel
University of Pittsburgh
- 1045 Everett W. Trout
University of California-Los Angeles
- 1046 Curren M. Thomas
Mercer University
- 1047 Garry L. Todd
Oklahoma State University
- 1048 Norvelle L. Smith
Auburn University
- 1049 Stanley E. Wingate
Kansas State University
- 1050 Jerry B. Williamson III
Southern Methodist University
- 1051 Hector L. Zubia
University of Texas-El Paso
- 1052 Joe D. Lane
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- 1053 Brandon J. Fields
Purdue University
- 1054 Clyde L. Hunt Jr.
University of Georgia
- 1055 Robert W. Hoaglund
Miami University
- 1056 John S. Mosier
University of Cincinnati
- 1057 James C. Henderson
University of Utah
- 1058 R. W. Gerritsen
Syracuse University
- 1059 Douglas J. McGrath
University of Toronto
- 1060 Ralph G. Bowen
Washburn University
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Georgia Institute of Technology
- 1062 Wayne E. Lee
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- 1063 Charles D. Busskohl
Iowa State University
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DePauw University
- 1065 Richard L. Hopkins Jr.
West Virginia University
- 1066 Mark C. Iafrate
Davidson College
- 1067 Patrick M. Flanagan
University of Chicago
- 1068 Andy C. Thomas
Texas A & M University
- 1069 Aaron J. Mason
West Texas A & M University
- 1070 Benjamin G. Spence
Southern Methodist University
- 1071 Mark C. Lewis
Butler University
- 1072 Zachary T. Phillips
University of Central Florida
- 1073 Hamilton A. Coffey
Rollins College
- 1074 William R. Reichard
University of Oklahoma
- 1075 Dan W. Stansbury
Southern Methodist University
- 1076 Henry A. Frazer
University of Mississippi
- 1077 Ervin E. Wesenberg
Northwestern University
- 1078 Kyle L. Chamberlin
Emporia State University
- 1079 Edwin Wayne Mercer
Southwestern University
- 1080 Price F. Campbell
Oklahoma State University
- 1081 Arthur D. Melson
Florida State University
- 1082 Richard C. Wolfe
Denison University
- 1083 Thomas E. Allen, Jr.
University of Arizona
- 1084 Roger E. Thomas
Ohio University
- 1085 Henry B. Reiling
Northwestern University
- 1086 Brent P. Semanick
Purdue University
- 1087 Michael Verdeyen
Washington College
- 1088 Stephen R. Halpin III
University of Virginia

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Members joining from April 21—November 10, 2009.

The next issue of The Scroll will list the newest members.

In the Spring/Summer 2009 issue we incorrectly listed the school for True Blue member (#736) Arthur G. Johnson. He is a University of Missouri graduate.

Open Motto

Our motto has had a profound effect and benefit in my life...

The open motto was adopted in 1880 and means literally, "One man is no man," or more freely interpreted, "We enjoy life by the help and society of others." The open motto can be found on the bottom of the coat-of-arms.

May I suggest strongly that "We (*do indeed*) enjoy life (*social, civic, business, family, etc.*) by the help and society of others...(*to which we might add?*)...and its return in-kind" (*as reciprocation is the true beauty of the concept*) is a precept which the whole country...*and world*, for that matter, could stand to embrace these days. How about some national visibility for our "binding" principle, that we might gain recognition and also introduce some real action for the development of a kinder, gentler and more effective/pleasant world that gets things done with reduced conflict and discord...for mutual benefit. What benefit for this fractured, chaotic, globe.

—R. Ted Laguerre, *Lehigh '64*

Lou Gehrig Memorial Award

I saw the story on the Lou Gehrig Memorial Award and it hit home in a big way. In the past 12 months I have lost two friends to ALS and a third is in the end stages right now. This is a devastating disease. My good friend Barry Winovich is the one in the end stages right now. He, along with many friends, have formed an organization to help find a cure for ALS. It is The Bright Side of the Road Foundation, and they have an endowed chair at The Cleveland Clinic Neurological Department. They basically have funded a researcher that spends 100% of his time seeking a cure for ALS. It appears that this effort has sparked more interest and this could turn into its own sub-department soon.

The foundation is oriented around music and living life to the fullest. Barry will leave behind a wife and three great kids yet you can't find the guy without a smile on his face. He is truly an inspiration on living. I'm not sure what can come from this common interest in ALS but I thought I would put it on your radar screen. Tonight I will be at yet another fundraiser for the foundation to help continue the fight against this horrible disease.

To learn more about the foundation and possibly help, check out the website at <http://brightsideoftheroad.org>.

—David Markley, *Northwood '87*

Butler University's "Castle on the Corner"

In a recent article in the *Indianapolis Star* on the restoration of the chapter house at Butler University, I was amused by the comment of Ron Reed, '90, who stated that being back on campus made him feel young again. Speaking from my vantage point at age 91, and also as a member of Indiana Gamma, I have to say Reed is young.

I became a Phikeia at the "Castle on the Corner" in September, 1935. The venerable Hilton U. Brown, former editor of *The Indianapolis News*, himself at that time in his 90s had been one of the first chapter members. An active alumnus, he often attended our meetings.

Brown's son, Hilton U. Brown, Jr., also a chapter member, was killed in action at Nuart, France, on Nov. 5, 1918, during World War I. Prior to his death, while fighting in the trenches, during lulls between battles, he was inspired to compose "To College Brothers," a masterpiece, which all subsequent Phi Delt's have memorized. The heartfelt sentiments of Fraternity life live on in his moving poem.

I believe Hilton U. Brown, Sr. and Jr. both would be happy to know the chapter thrives again today.

—Dr. Kenneth R. Woollong, *Butler '39*

Indebted to Texas Gamma

A story on your website a year ago told of the blood drive that Dustin and Darrin Staloch and the rest of the Southwestern University, Texas Gamma chapter organized for my son who was born prematurely at one pound, fifteen ounces. All of the blood that he did not need I donated to The Women's Hospital of Texas and Texas Children's for other premature babies. I want to express my gratitude a year later; my son is healthy and happy! I believe that without the hearts and help of these wonderful selfless young men, my son would have had a different fate. I personally know Dustin and Darrin as strong young men, but the other donors must be as well, as my son, Eli, possesses that quality.

I look back at the page about my son and the chapter men and I still cry. It's amazing that last year I was worried about machines, medications and if my son would live. Today my worries consist of what's for dinner and what is he getting into. He is still a little small, but he has the heart of a tiger! Your organization has many wonderful young men in it, and I just wanted to let you know how proud I am to know them. Thank you again.

—Jane Barosh

Correction

The photo caption on page 11 of the Spring/Summer *Scroll* referenced the Kansas Beta chapter house being destroyed by fire. In reality the house was not destroyed by fire, but the Fire Marshall did not allow occupancy due to the lack of a sprinkler system. This precipitated the remodeling.

To College Brothers

(Hilton U. Brown, Jr., written from the Mexican Front, with Battery A, to Indiana Gamma, Phi Delta Theta)

I fill my pipe with tobacco
As I sit in the deepening gloom,
When the flickering light from the fireplace
Throws its shadows across the room.

The smoke of my pipe drifts upward
'Till it mingles with other smoke
From the pipes of my college brothers
As they sing and laugh and joke.

The smoke all intermingles
In a shadowy, mellow haze,
Like the mingling of our spirits
In our carefree college days.

But the smoke will soon drift asunder
It will spread in a thousand parts,
For it is not bound together
With the bond that links our hearts.

For no matter where we may wander,
In a cold or sunny clime,
In our heart we'll fondly cherish,
The friends of our college time.

As long as this life is with me,
Till I'm laid to my final rest,
My Phi Delt friends at Butler
Are the friends I shall love the best.
—October, 1915

Chapter Grand

Phi Delta Theta honors members who have entered the Chapter Grand by listing them in the magazine. We generally reserve extended obituary articles for famous Phis and general officers. To submit obituary information, email scroll@phideltatheta.org.



Erich Kunzel, Dartmouth '57

Famous Phi and Cincinnati Pops Orchestra conductor died Sept. 1, 2009 after a battle with cancer.

Kunzel joined Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra as an associate conductor in 1965. That October, Maestro Kunzel conducted his first sold-out “8 O’Clock Pops” concert, marking his ascent as a modern orchestral legend. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, part of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, was then officially founded in 1977 with Maestro Kunzel at the helm. For decades he led the orchestra, packing houses in Cincinnati’s Music Hall and Riverbend Music Center, most recently on August 1, and also gaining new fans the world over through tour performances, PBS television specials and millions of recordings sold. *The Chicago Tribune* hailed him as “The Prince of Pops” and his musical journey brought him fame from around the world.

Kunzel led the Pops on tours that include concerts in Carnegie Hall, Radio City Music Hall, the Grand Ol’ Opry in Nashville and the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. He recorded over 85 albums on the Telarc label with the Cincinnati Pops. The Fraternity honored him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996. Kunzel was instrumental in supporting a new School for Creative & Performing Arts, the nation’s first K–12 performing arts public school set to open this fall. Kunzel was featured in the Spring, 1997 issue of *The Scroll*.

After his death, honors and tributes from around the world poured in for Maestro Kunzel. The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Board of

...in coelo quies est

“...in heaven there is rest”

Directors named him Founder and Conductor Emeritus, honoring his 44 years of artistic leadership with the orchestra. The Cincinnati City Council unanimously voted to add the name “Erich Kunzel Way” to the stretch of Elm Street between Central Parkway and 14th Street, bridging Maestro Kunzel’s true passions—the Orchestra’s home at Music Hall and the new School for the Creative and Performing Arts.

Jim King, Florida State '61

Former Florida State Senator James King died July 26, 2009. King was known as a “giant of the senate” in Florida, whose legacy was giving Floridians the right to refuse life-prolonging medical care.

King served as Senate president from 2002–2004. He billed himself as “the best quote in Florida,” often making news with his colorful quotes to the media.

Warren Hearnes, Missouri '43

Former Missouri governor Warren Hearnes died Aug. 16, 2009. Hearnes was Missouri’s first consecutive two-term governor and a champion of mental health care in the state.

John J. Pappas, South Dakota '54

Former Mitchell Fund Trustee and former AT&T vice president John Pappas died September 9, 2009.

Donald G. Rochelle, University of Texas-Austin '51

Dr. Donald Rochelle died October 24, 2009. Brother Rochelle was one of the first doctors to perform a heart transplant in the U.S. under the surgical team lead by Dr. Denton Cooley. He retired from medicine in 2001.

Tony Danby, North Carolina State, '50

Former NC State faculty adviser Tony Danby died in October 2009. After serving as faculty advisor for many years, Brother Danby established a scholarship fund through the Phi Delta Theta Foundation to help brothers who were having financial difficulties stay in college. Many Phis benefitted from this fund.

University Akron
Ohio Epsilon

'53, Thomas E. Chapman
Canton, Ohio, 9/09

'57, Robert R. Morrison
Bonita Springs, Fla., 5/09

'61, Robert F. Zimmerman
Warrenton, Va., 8/09

'66, John S. Volk
Akron, Ohio, 10/09

University Alabama
Alabama Alpha

'53, Hughey S. Williford, Jr.
Madison, Miss., 5/09

'64, William J. Grubb II
Columbus, Ga., 5/09

'65, James M. Hubbard
Birmingham, Ala., 5/09

University Alberta
Alberta Alpha

'51, Douglas R. Matheson
Edmonton, Alberta, 6/09

'51, John R. Wilson
West Vancouver, B.C., 9/09

University Arizona
Arizona Alpha

'43, John W. Donaldson, Jr.
Senoita, Ariz., 10/09

'50, James F. McNulty, Jr.
Tucson, Ariz., 6/09

'55, Richard K. Griesser
Tucson, Ariz., 8/09

Auburn University
Alabama Beta

'61, Thomas G. Johnson
Mobile, Ala., 9/09

'76, David A. Austin
Key West, Fla., 8/09

Bowling Green State University
Ohio Kappa

'58, Stanley C. Evans
Westlake, Ohio, 5/09

Butler University
Indiana Gamma

'66, John W. Hammel
Indianapolis, Ind., 7/09

University of California-Berkeley
California Alpha

'42, Edward F. Willi
Los Altos, Calif., 6/09

'48, John B. Crook
Orinda, Calif., 4/09

University of California-Los Angeles
California Gamma

'45, Richard C. Elliott
Newport Beach, Calif.,
5/09

California State University-Northridge
California Zeta

'76, William A. Bantel III
Memphis, Tenn., 5/09

Case Western Reserve University
Ohio Eta

'49, William G. Hulbert
Akron, Ohio, 8/08

Centre College
Kentucky Alpha-Delta

'50, Jeremiah T. Flowers
Naples, Fla., 7/08

'51, Donald E. Bradshaw
Frankfort, Ky., 4/09

'81, Dennis M. Newman
Mason, Ohio, 3/09

'85, Dan S. Pitsenberger
Palm Harbour, Fla., 4/09

University of Cincinnati
Ohio Theta

'40, Sterling S. Lanier III
Nashville, Tenn., 9/09

'49, Donald C. Runge
Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 11/08

Colgate University
New York Zeta

'40, John P. Morrell
Debary, Fla., 1/09

'41, Miller F. Moran
Carthage, N.Y., 9/08

'42, Stuart S. Lister
St. John, V.I., 7/08

'45, Harlow H. Voller
Atlantic Beach, Fla., 9/08

'48, Wesley B. Williams
Roswell, N.M., 12/08

'52, Rankin N. Thompson, Jr.
Norristown, Pa., 9/08

'99, Matthew T. Seeve
Malden, Mass., 9/09

'01, Frederick C. Baser
Bristol, Vt., 6/09

University of Colorado
Colorado Alpha

'50, Paul W. Williams
Los Angeles, Calif., 7/09

'55, Charles H. Rosenquist
Eagle, Colo., 9/09

'56, Keith A. Settles
Huntington Beach, Calif.,
9/09

Colorado State University
Colorado Gamma

'60, Peter A. Suazo, Jr.
Columbia, Md., 9/09

'64, John R. Obenchain
South Bend, Ind., 6/09

Cornell University
New York Alpha

'43, Jes J. Dall III
Old Greenwich, Conn.,
3/09

'64, J.E. Stodola
Albia, Iowa, 5/09

'66, Ronald O. Johns
Houston, Texas, 6/09

Dartmouth College
New Hampshire Alpha

'57, Erich Kunzel
Cincinnati, Ohio, 9/09

Denison University
Ohio Iota

'35, Arthur K. Brintnall
Cleveland, Ohio, 8/09

'56, Albert R. Schuette
Indianapolis, Ind., 6/09

DePauw University
Indiana Zeta

'41, Frank R.
Schnackenberg
Las Vegas, Nev., 9/09

'42, Elbert W. King
Albuquerque, N.M., 9/09

'45, Paul G. Crommelin, Jr.
Willow Street, Pa., 7/09

'54, Jonas A. Howard
Salisbury, N.C., 1/09

Dickinson College
Pennsylvania Epsilon

'40, Edwin C. Marotte
Spartanburg, S.C., 7/09

'53, Robert S. Hershey
Mechanicsburg, Pa., 1/08

Drake University
Iowa Delta

'93, Stephen C. Foster III
New Bern, N.C., 4/09

Duke University
North Carolina Alpha

'36, Julian J. Ewell
Fort Belvoir, Va., 7/09

Eastern Washington University
Washington Epsilon

'95, Sean A. Gerdes
Yakima, Wash., 5/09

Emory University
Georgia Beta

'51, Robert P. Campbell, Jr.
Newnan, Ga., 10/08

University of Florida
Florida Alpha

'44, Augustus H. Craig, Jr.
St. Augustine, Fla., 10/08

'46, Joseph L. Price, Jr.
Madison, Ga., 4/09

'49, David S. Brayton
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.,
7/09

'59, Herschel H. Parrish, Jr.
Winter Garden, Fla., 8/09

'60, Ronald C. Dudan
Riviera Beach, Fla., 3/09

'62, Daniel P. Olszewski
S. Merritt Island, Fla.,
9/09

'77, Kevin T. Fitzpatrick
Inverness, Fla., 6/09

'01, Justin R. Holecek
Tampa, Fla., 9/09

Florida State University
Florida Gamma

'57, Donald B. Randall
Clearwater, Fla., 11/08

'58, Paul A. Jones, Jr.
Winston Salem, N.C.,
8/08

'61, James E. King, Jr.
Jacksonville, Fla., 8/09

'81, David J. Rogers
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.,
6/09

'85, Timothy L. Williams
Boca Raton, Fla., 5/09

Franklin College
Indiana Delta

'46, Jack V. Austin
Indianapolis, Ind., 4/09

University of Georgia
Georgia Alpha

'40, Marion Tyus Butler
Athens, Ga., 4/09

'51, Alfred Truitt Land, Jr.
Allentown, Ga., 7/09

'58, William L. Kemp
Watkinsville, Ga., 6/09

Georgia College
Georgia Zeta

'88, Kimsey L. Pierce
Macon, Ga., 9/09

Hanover College
Indiana Epsilon

'50, James H. McCracken
Milwaukee, Wis., 10/09

University of Idaho
Idaho Alpha

'75, James C. Neraas
Ketchum, Idaho, 7/09

University of Illinois
Illinois Eta

'45, William L. Barker
Bloomington, Ill., 3/09

'54, Erwin B. Seegers
Barrington, Ill., 4/09

'65, Harold S. Wineland
Normandy Park, Wash.,
9/09

Indiana University**Indiana Alpha**

'43, Robert G. Moorhead
Indianapolis, Ind., 10/09

'59, James O. Kneisley
Indianapolis, Ind., 10/09

Indiana State University**Indiana Eta**

'77, Timothy H. Blandford
Indianapolis, Ind., 7/09

'79, Steven V. Mills
Bradenton, Fla., 7/09

University of Iowa**Iowa Beta**

'43, Frederick W. Martin
Alexis, Ill., 5/09

'44, Lowell W. Andreas
Mankato, Minn., 4/09

'48, Stephen J. Brownlee
Emmetsburg, Iowa, 9/09

'48, Thomas P. Murphy
Corte Madera, Calif., 1/09

'55, Donald E. Inman
Houston, Texas, 5/09

Iowa State University**Iowa Gamma**

'52, James Speicher
Urbandale, Iowa., 9/09

'72, Robert M. Williams
Omaha, Neb., 8/09

University of Kansas**Kansas Alpha**

'47, Bob Fitzpatrick
Leawood, Kan., 10/09

'49, Michael L. Alt
Paola, Kan., 4/09

'49, Edward P. Marquis
Tubac, Ariz., 10/09

'50, Thomas Hanna
Newton, Kan., 10/09

'62, Robert E. Frederick
Lawrence, Kan., 6/09

'62, John A. Kost
Mission Hills, Kan., 12/08

'80, David W. Norburg
Lenexa, Kan., 8/09

'88, Thomas E. Murphy III
Kansas City, Mo., 8/09

Kansas State University**Kansas Gamma**

'38, Charles P. Olomon, Jr.
Garden City, Kan., 5/09

'48, Frederick L. Kramer
Kansas City, Mo., 7/08

'58, Clifford A. Nielson
San Diego, Calif., 10/09

University of Kentucky**Kentucky Epsilon**

'42, William C. Penick
Asheville, N.C., 7/09

'49, John K. Penrod
Paducah, Ky., 10/09

'50, Leslie M. Rue
Harrodsburg, Ky., 3/09

'53, Stanley S. Dickson, Jr.
Louisville, Ky., 10/09

'55, E. D. Ruffier
Orlando, Fla., 7/09

Knox College**Illinois Delta-Zeta**

'70, James O. Low
Tarkio, Mo., 2/09

Lawrence University**Wisconsin Beta**

'39, William S. Hatten
Lakeland, Fla., 11/09

'44, Frank J. Sensenbrenner
Neenah, Wisc., 7/09

'46, Robert F. Stevenson
Luxemburg, Wisc., 8/09

Louisiana State University**Louisiana Beta**

'58, John C. Hawkins
Covington, La., 9/09

University of Maryland**Maryland Alpha**

'62, David W. Beadles
Aiken, S.C., 3/09

Massachusetts Institute of Technology**Massachusetts Gamma**

'40, Richard G. Talpey
Mirror Lake, N.H., 12/08

McGill University**Quebec Alpha**

'45, Christopher Doscher, Jr.
Mississauga, Ont., 6/09

Mercer University**Georgia Gamma**

'53, Keith W. Benning
Augusta, Ga., 4/09

'48, William A. Newsom
Southaven, Miss., 5/09

'55, Benny R. Waugh
Macon, Ga., 10/09

Miami University**Ohio Alpha**

'50, William H. Davidson
Fort Worth, Texas, 5/09

'52, Robert L. Brown
Zionsville, Ind., 10/09

University of Miami**Florida Delta**

'70, Timothy Meaney
Bridgewater, N.J., 8/09

University of Michigan**Michigan Alpha**

'56, Richard M. Courtney
Grosse Pointe Farms,
Mich., 6/09

'57, Donald B. Johnston
Ann Arbor, Mich., 12/08

University of Minnesota**Minnesota Alpha**

'42, Jack L. Zimmerman
Sun City, Ariz., 8/09

'49, Richard L. Herreid
Afton, Minn., 10/09

University of Mississippi**Mississippi Alpha**

'47, Shed H. Caffey, Jr.
Memphis, Tenn., 5/09

'48, Samuel P. Gardner
Jackson, Miss., 7/09

'50, William M. Ellis, Jr.
Richland, Miss., 8/09

'58, Frederick A. Jones
Columbia, Miss., 6/09

'70, Malcolm J. Commer, Jr.
Jonestown, Miss., 6/09

University of Missouri**Missouri Alpha**

'41, Ernest S. Robson, Jr.
Irvine, Calif., 12/08

'43, Warren E. Hearnes
Charleston, Mo., 8/09

University of Montana**Montana Alpha**

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Billings, Mont., 8/09

'55, William L. Kann
Yorba Linda, Calif., 6/09

'61, J.S. Schirm, Jr.
Santa Fe Springs, Calif.,
4/09

Montana State University**Montana Beta**

'69, Gerald V. Cormier
Billings, Mont., 5/09

University of New Mexico**New Mexico Alpha**

'54, Garrett M. Flint
Hawaii, 8/09

'57, Jerry A. Miller
Taos, N.M., 1/09

University of North Carolina**North Carolina Beta**

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Groves, Texas, 6/09

'46, O. Mason Whitney
Lake Burton, Ga., 5/09

'51, T. R. Kinnebrew
Fernandina Beach, Fla.,
8/09

'55, Stephen A. Trimble
Washington, DC, 8/09

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'50, J.M. Anthony Danby,
Kennett Square, Pa., 10/09

'89, Michael G. Willits
Apex, N.C., 5/09

University of North Dakota**North Dakota Alpha**

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'58, Herbert H. Adams
Sunrise Beach, Mo., 2/09

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'45, Richard C. Lewis
Northfield, Ill., 12/08

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Greenville, N.C., 12/08

'49, Brenton S. Kirk, Jr.
Dover, Ohio, 6/08

'53, Robert L. Solt, Jr.
Bucyrus, Ohio, 7/09

Ohio University**Ohio Gamma**

'44, Robert M. Rhoades
Hilton Head, S.C., 3/09

'49, Robert D. Dickey
Fairbanks, Ak., 6/09

'57, Marvin W. Morris
Cedar City, Utah, 7/09

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Marietta, Ohio, 7/09

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Marblehead, Ohio, 5/09

'48, Fred L. Messersmith
Deland, Fla., 3/09

'53, Joseph E. Cremean
Cedarville, Ohio, 6/09

University of Oklahoma**Oklahoma Alpha**

'49, Norman W. McNabb
Atlanta, Ga., 5/09

Oklahoma State University**Oklahoma Beta**

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Marietta, Ga., 2/09

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'38, Glenn F. Kantock
Santa Rosa, Calif., 2/09

'82, Douglas A. Meer
Carbondale, Colo., 9/09

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Pennsylvania Zeta

'41, Charles B. Bechtold, Jr.
Haverford, Pa., 4/09

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Indiana Theta

'76, Robert Haworth
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University of Richmond

Virginia Delta

'50, Elbert H. Holt
Richmond, Va., 7/09

Rollins College

Florida Beta

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Claremont, Okla., 6/09

University of the South

Tennessee Beta

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Kitty Hawk, N.C. 10/09

'55, William E. Van Cleve
Jackson, Miss., 9/09

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South Dakota Alpha

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Lake Forest, Ill., 9/09

University of South Florida

Florida Epsilon

'05, James O. Alston
Lutz, Fla., 6/09

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California Delta

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Pasadena, Calif., 7/09

'60, Maytor H. McKinley
Los Angeles, Calif., 10/08

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Texas Delta

'60, William M. Boyd
McKinney, Texas, 8/09

'05, Chad J. Seder
Spring, Texas, 7/09

Southwestern University

Texas Gamma

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Galveston, Texas, 10/09

Stanford University

California Beta

'42, James Farquharson
San Mateo, Calif., 4/09

'45, Philip H. Prince
Lake Oswego, Ore., 5/09

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New York Epsilon

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Niantic, Conn., 6/09

'55, Roswell J. McCall
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Texas Beta

'37, Joe L. Ward, Jr.
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'51, Donald G. Rochelle
Houston, Texas, 10/09

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San Angelo, Texas, 9/09

'56, William L. Doyle
Houston, Texas, 11/09

'56, Maxwell L. Hightower
Houston, Texas, 6/09

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Texas Epsilon

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Nashville, Tenn., 8/09

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Nashville, Tenn., 6/09

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Nashville, Tenn., 7/09

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6/09

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Washington Gamma

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Mexico, Mo., 8/09

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'50, Harold C. J. Boule
Vashon, Wash., 6/09

'51, Charles E. Bailey
Stockton, Calif., 8/09

'58, Lawrence B. Rew
Pendleton, Ore., 7/09

'58, Robert V. Schembs, Jr.
Redmond, Wash., 7/09

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Oregon Gamma

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Meet a Phi



Chris Job

Houston Phi's membership more than a campus interlude

From birth, Chris Job was destined to be a Phi. When he was born, the doctor announced, “Another Phi Delt in the world!”

At age five, Job learned about the Fraternity for the first time when he asked about the name inscribed on his father's slide rule case. The case bore the name of his mother on one side and the words “Phi Delta Theta” on the other. “I was indoctrinated at a very early age,” Job laughed.

The family relocated to California from Ohio because his father, Richard Job, *Case Western Reserve '44*, was part of the space program. Richard Job was in charge of the H1 engine program that propelled the Saturn rocket, which sent Neil Armstrong, *Purdue '55*, to the moon.

When Chris Job began his education at California State University-Northridge, then called San Fernando Valley State College, he joined a strong local fraternity called Phi Sigma Tau because there was not a Phi Delta Theta chapter on campus. Although he flourished as a member of Phi Sigma Tau, he still yearned to be a Phi Delt. After learning that other men on campus, including the Dean of Students, were interested in Phi Delta Theta, Job became passionate about starting a chapter.

California Zeta was installed in 1967, Job's senior year. The biggest thrill for Job was that his father was a member of the installation team. The younger Job would be the first to sign the Cal Zeta Bond.

When Job moved to Houston in 1969, Howard Young, *Southwestern '47*, then President of the General Council, took him to an alumni club event and introduced him to other area alumni, many of whom have become lifelong friends. Forty years later, Job is now in his sixth year as club president.

The Houston Alumni Club is where he and his father were able to share Phi Delt milestones.

“As luck would have it, because I was initiated as a senior, I was able to bring my father to the Houston Founders Day, where I gave him his Golden Legion pin and he gave me the Silver. That is a very pleasant memory for me.”

Supporting Phi Delta Theta is a really personal thing for me.

One of the reasons that Job has consistently been a strong supporter of Phi Delta Theta is so that men of past and future generations can continue to share similar special moments.

Another reason Job supports the Phi Delta Theta Foundation is because he believes the educational and leadership programs provided by Phi Delta Theta make young men stronger.

“Teaching young men how to be responsible and providing them with leadership opportunities is very important to me.”

Currently, he is the founder and CEO of Shamrock Ventures Inc, a commercial real estate development company headquartered in Houston. He hopes that in the future, his son, Jonathan, will join Phi Delta Theta.

Job appreciates his affiliation with Phi Delta Theta more with every year that passes. “As a senior in college, you maybe have a little appreciation, but as you age, you see how much it means to a very wide variety of men from around the country. You have something in common with them immediately.”

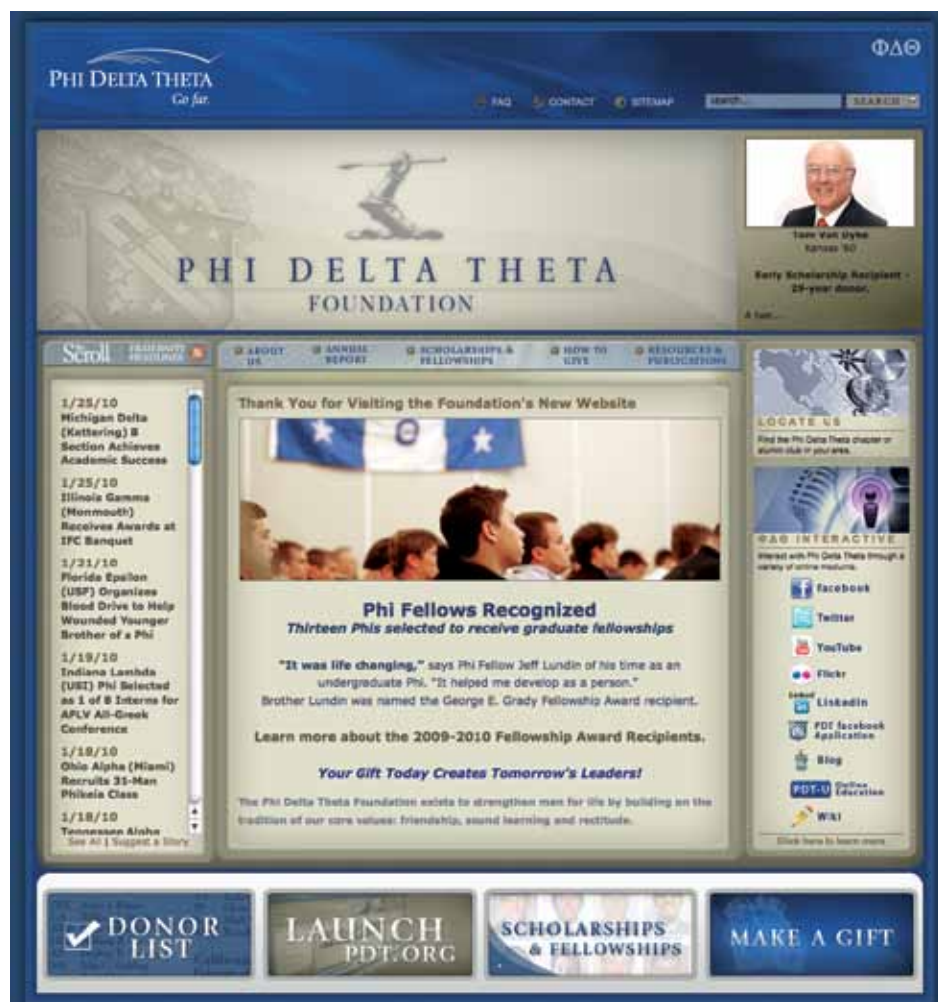
“When we have the Golden Legion ceremony, there is one phrase that always strikes me: “To stand in the presence of these men, you realize that the Fraternity is more than just a campus interlude.” ■



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Phi Delta Theta Foundation Launches New Website

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