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THE NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF INDIANA EPSILON CHAPTER OF PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY AT HANOVER COLLEGE - FALL 2016

Over 75 Alumni Return for Homecoming

Cooler fall weather welcomed over 75 Indiana Epsilon alumni home on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The chapter provided breakfast for brothers who arrived early to attend the House Corporation and Chapter Advisory board meetings. After the meetings concluded, all alumni received an invitation to enjoy lunch in the newly renovated kitchen. Excitement and stories from bygone years filled the air as alumni enjoyed reconnecting with brothers and meeting new members.

Not only was the newly refurbished kitchen a topic of conversation for returning brothers, but also the new parking lot, the improved landscaping and the recently added lighting for the basketball court.

Additionally, brothers enjoyed Hanover College's homecoming activities. Many attended fall athletic events such as football, lacrosse and pre-game tailgating where they proudly flew the Phi Delt flag. Many alumni participated in Hanover College's Hanoverfest, an event that provides beer tasting from breweries who have a Hanover alumni connection such as Sun King, Resignation (KCCO) and Upland. Hanoverfest also provided a variety of fair-like foods ranging from tacos, nachos and cotton candy to hotdogs and hamburgers.

All who attended Hanover College, especially brothers of Indiana Epsilon, thoroughly enjoyed this festive time of year.



Homecoming weekend reunited generations of Indiana Epsilon brothers.



A delicious BBQ lunch provided the opportunity for alumni to connect with active brothers.

ΦΔΘ Hanover's New Alumni Vision

Indiana Epsilon is excited to share some excellent news about ΦΔΘ Hanover! We recently hired OmegaFi, a firm who specializes in assisting fraternal organizations with communication and fundraising programs. Throughout the next year, you will notice a more consistent, professional and integrated message coming from the chapter and alumni leadership.

The first piece in this new program is our new alumni website. It is still a work

in progress, but you may find the site by visiting hanoverphidelts.org. While you are there, take a moment and locate yourself on the Alumni Search page. Verifying and/or updating your contact information will allow you to receive further notifications about events and activities. Also, be sure to add a 'Brother to Brother' note to let us know what you have been up to lately. Did you recently get married, have a baby or change jobs? Your brothers want to know, so please

add a note!

There is a lot planned for Hanover Phi Deltas in the coming year and the chapter appreciates your continued support. The chapter looks forward to sharing news more directly and consistently with you about ΦΔΘ Hanover. If you would like to assist with this new communication effort, or if you have questions, please contact Chapter Advisory Board Chairman **Andrew Cole '11** at wandrewcole@gmail.com.



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(L to R) Adam Goepfrich '17, Dr. Ed Whipple '74, Andrew Cole '11 and Allen Cole '80 at the June 2016 Phi Delt General Convention in Savannah, Georgia.

Hanover Phi Delt Brothers Shine as the Best on Campus

This year brought an enormous amount of positive change to Phi Delt at Hanover College. Not only is recruitment booming but the college and headquarters recognized Indiana Epsilon this year for all of its accomplishments.

Hanover Phi Delt is now one of the top chapters on campus regarding recruitment. The chapter attracted 51 new members over the past two semesters despite the steady decline of Hanover students who participate in the rush system. The high number of new Phis is fantastic news as they will fill the house and satisfy chapter finances with a positive cash flow.

The chapter is recovering from a period where chapter finances were so minimal, and the kitchen facilities in such awful condition, that it forced Indiana Epsilon to dine at the campus center. The past three years have brought a gradual return to chapter house dining for the chapter. In this process, the chapter replaced the kitchen and hired a terrific chef to run the operation. The food is excellent, and brothers are ecstatic, as dining at the house is always a very positive experience.

In addition to returning chapter house dining, the chapter recently acquired a full-time house mom to live in the house throughout the year. The new mom, Candace Clayton, is one of the college's athletic trainers and well-liked by all the active members.

This year, Hanover Phi Delt sent five delegates to

attend the 81st General Convention in Savannah, Georgia. Those members were Chapter President **Adam Goepfrich '17**, **Dr. Ed Whipple '74**, Director of Development **Andrew Cole '11**, **Allen Cole '80** and Chapter Financial Advisor **Stephen Stuckwisch '86**. These delegates had the opportunity to elect the General Council and vote on laws for the fraternity's regulations. At the convention, Headquarters honored Indiana Epsilon with the GHQ Trophy as well as the Biggers Ritual Award.

Additionally, the chapter was able to send four members to attend the Kleberg Emerging Leaders Institute and the Phikeia Educators College in Oxford, Ohio. Chapter Advisory Board Member Stephen Stuckwisch served as the conference faculty member.

Not only did Headquarters recognize the chapter for its achievements this year, but the college also presented Indiana Epsilon with awards for Brotherhood, Friendship and Scholarships. The astonishing organizational success of the chapter's executive board, as well as the support of a strong brotherhood, attributed to the chapter receiving the awards.

The active brothers of Hanover Phi Delt are extremely proud of their recent accomplishments and appreciate continued alumni support. Alumni are always welcome to come visit the Indiana Epsilon house and connect with fellow brothers.

Brother-To-Brother Updates

Philip L. Cordes, Jr. '51 married Sandy Heyne, and they had three boys, the youngest of whom died from cancer at the young age of 31. Philip retired at the age of 65 from his career as Controller from Jackson County Hospital

(now Schneck Medical Center), in Seymour, Indiana. Philip spends his winters with his wife in their Fort Myers, Florida condo. In 1996, he started writing a newsletter to his fellow Phis from the classes of 1950 to 1954. The newsletters

continue to this day, although their frequency dwindled. Also, in 1996 he started a "mini" Hanover Phi Delt reunion held each February in Fort Myers. The mini reunion continues even though Philip turned over the administration of

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Chapter House Receives Numerous Updates

Over the last few years, a group of generous alumni contributed funds to improve the overall appearance of the Indiana Epsilon house. The chapter's dream finally became a reality with several much-needed facility improvements.

For the first time since the construction of the house in 1970, the parking lot received a necessary overhaul. The new parking lot, completed just before homecoming, now provides more parking spaces and a smooth surface. Additionally, landscaping around the house received a makeover, maintaining the prestige of the chapter house.

The many interior improvements include fresh paint added to the walls and the new installation of new flooring. The safety of brothers is always a top priority; therefore, the chapter upgraded fires alarms, a new door locking system and installed security cameras in the chapter house.

While the condition of the building improved significantly, a few required major improvements remain. The cooling system, installed in 1995, is long overdue for replacement. The chapter managed to keep the system running through the last two seasons, but it is not likely to survive another year. The good news is a new cooling system will provide tremendous energy savings and significantly lower maintenance costs.

Lastly, the immediate improvement needed most for the house is to install a fire sprinkler system. Not having a sprinkler system in the house is a safety hazard and a very expensive undertaking; however, Indiana Epsilon House Corporation and Phi Delta Theta are determined to find a way to accomplish the installation.



Indiana Epsilon's house received several much needed updates such as new landscaping, added safety features and a new parking lot.

These long-awaited improvements to the house would not be possible without alumni support. The numerous updates provide safety to current residents and promote a culture within the chapter of taking better care the house. This Brotherhood fortress is something all current and past brothers should be proud to call home.

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the reunion to **John Smith '53**. He enjoys receiving information from brothers about one another, and passes it on to John to help keep the Phis of 1950 to 1954 connected and a close-knit group.

Lowell C. Innis, Jr. '53 feels great and is semi-retired from farming but continues to help as needed.

James B. Sturges '54 has seven great-grandchildren!

James R. Terhune '62 returned to Hanover three times in the last two years to inspect the new construction (Lynn Hall, football stadium, etc.) with **Phis Lynn Boese '62**, **Frank Trost '61**, **Tom Shroyer '61**, **Dan Purtee '63** and **Dwight Nelson '63**. They also enjoyed walking through the Phi House, even though they never had the privilege to live in the house when they attended college.

David W. Martin '65 enjoyed the '65 reunion with about half of the Phi Delt pledge class returning. He currently lives in North Carolina, where he spends half of his time in Raleigh and the other half on

the coast.

George M. Lampe '68 currently works as a College Advisor at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. time, he is a lacrosse coach at Elder High School and the Cincinnati Royals Travel Lacrosse Club.

K. Marshall Monley '69 retired in 2014 after 40 years in the pharmaceutical industry and went back to his Hanover biology/botany roots (much indebted to mentor Dr. James Maysilles) by volunteering with the Channel Islands Restoration organization. Their objective is to reverse the devastating impact of ranching/grazing on the ecology of the Channel Islands located off the Social Coast.

David P. Zimmerman '69 recently retired in 2015.

Jeffrey A. Blair '70 is mostly retired but still serves on a few business boards around the country. Jeffrey visits Hanover College one to two times a year and assists with the business program. His oldest

granddaughter's volleyball team placed 3rd nationally in the 12-13 year-old tournament in Indiana last month. Hanover College needs her!

Terry A. Phillips '73 retired on July 1, 2016.

Bruce E. Breeden '74 has a new job as the Vice President at Telamon, Energy Solutions Division.

James P. Fadely '75 accepted a new position as Director of College Counseling at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis. He became chair of the Board of Directors of Indiana Landmarks in September 2016. Also, James is currently the president of The Society of Indiana Pioneers.

Steven J. Krakoski '79 is employed with JPMorgan Chase Bank and is responsible for the firm's large corporate business development activities in Colorado, Arizona and Utah. He recently relocated from Phoenix to Denver. His son, Kyle, is a 1st lieutenant in the USAF and his daughter, Haley,

is in Graduate School at Auburn University.

Daniel W. Suit '81 is active in the community with the Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club. In 1989, he received his FFL License and enjoys the firearms business as a hobby. Daniel also received his certification as a Carry Concealed of Deadly Weapons Instructor in 1996. Daniel is a geologist in the Permit Section at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Daniel's eldest daughter graduated from University of Louisville School of Dentistry in May 2016. His daughter, Dr. Katherine Danielle Suit-Roberts, recently married on June 18, 2016, and is now living in Fort Sill (Lawton, Oklahoma) with her husband, Cory, who is a Captain and a Ranger in the Army. Daniel's younger daughter, Peyton, just finished her first year of law school at Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase School of Law.

Daniel would love to hear from his brothers, especially those he has

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not seen since 1982 and urges you to reach out to him at dsuit@hotmail.com.

Phillip A. Vittorio '88 is entering his 18th year as the head baseball coach at The University of Dayton. Phillip runs into numerous Hanover College teammates, alumni baseball players and even Phi Delt Brothers while he is on the road with the Flyer Baseball Team or out recruiting and it is always a great time to share memories while telling stories about Hanover College, Hanover Baseball and Phi Delta Theta. Phillip requests thoughts and prayers for Coach Naylor as he is battling health issues.

Joseph David Ellicott '01 is the

President/CEO of Uncle Joe's Coins, Currency and Collectibles as well as Uncle Joe's Gun located at 657 N Orlando Ave., Maitland, FL 32751 (407-657-4760).

Brandon Charles Feller '09 married the love of his life on July 23, 2016, and the happy couple traveled to Emerald Bay, Bahamas for their honeymoon. Brandon is an electronic parts supplier and a five-year veteran of Samtec, Inc. in New Albany, Indiana. In his spare time, Brandon is an assistant coach for the Corydon Central High School girls' soccer team.

Jacob Ryan Johnson '11 works for the Department of Public Advocacy

as a Public Defender. He married his wife in May 2015.

John Holtkamp '15 is working with the *Todd Young for State Senator Campaign*.

Timothy Joseph Gruber '15 joined Cincinnati Financial Corporation in July 2015. He is an Underwriter for their subsidiary company, Cincinnati Specialty Underwriters. In Timothy's spare time, he is a lacrosse coach at Elder High School and the Cincinnati Royals Travel Lacrosse Club.

Eric Alan Haywood '16 lives in Indianapolis and works at J.B. Hunt Transport Services as a Carrier Sales Coordinator.