



# THE LION'S TALE

FALL 2014



*This summer, the brothers worked together to build a new volleyball pit at the chapter house.*

## CHANGE ABOUNDS ON PURDUE CAMPUS MORE HOUSING OPTIONS BRING COMPETITION TO FRATERNITY

changed. Socializing can take place anywhere, and students want to be comfortable doing so.

If you were to do a Google search of “West Lafayette student housing,” the highest rated apartments tout amenities that resemble an all-inclusive resort. Some of the top apartments’ amenities include a clubhouse complete with a state-of-the-art fitness center, business center and study lounge, theater room, and game room. Couple this with the number of fraternity and sorority houses doing major renovations or new builds on campus, it’s easy to see that competition for the student dollar is on the rise.

Within the last 10-15 years, the campus climate has changed in regard to freshman housing. Before, it was mandatory for freshmen to live on campus, but now more students are looking at their off-campus options, and they recognize the benefits of both. Students now weigh their privacy against the ease of getting to campus. For those who don’t mind driving, they view apartments as a more enticing option, simply based on privacy and amenities. Admittedly less social than living in the dorms, off-campus housing also allows for less-stringent rules, unlike one would find living in a dorm.

On campus, several leading fraternities have upgraded their houses. Fortunately, Purdue is the #2 Greek system in the U.S., but this makes for a highly competitive environment. The age of our facility really puts us at a disadvantage when compared to our competition.

Regardless of their reasons, students are seeking more comfortable and desirable locations to live. We see the changes made around campus and West Lafayette and have found ourselves stepping back to evaluate how ΣΑΕ Purdue will meet these changes head on. In the meantime, our undergraduates maintain their tradition of excellence on campus regardless of where they live, ensuring the student population knows the men of ΣΑΕ are True Gentlemen.

We know we will need to explore our options to ensure we’re maintaining our strong presence on campus and are always a top fraternity. As we make decisions we will keep you abreast of our plans. Stay tuned and thank you for your ongoing interest and support of ΣΑΕ Purdue.

Phi Alpha,  
House Corporation

As students become ever-more reliant on technology and the next best thing, it’s easy to see who’s keeping up with the pace and who is being left in the dust. Within the past several years, West Lafayette has seen an upswing in luxury student housing, both on campus and off. These new buildings are a far cry from the bare-bones brick walls and metal bunk beds many of us were accustomed to.

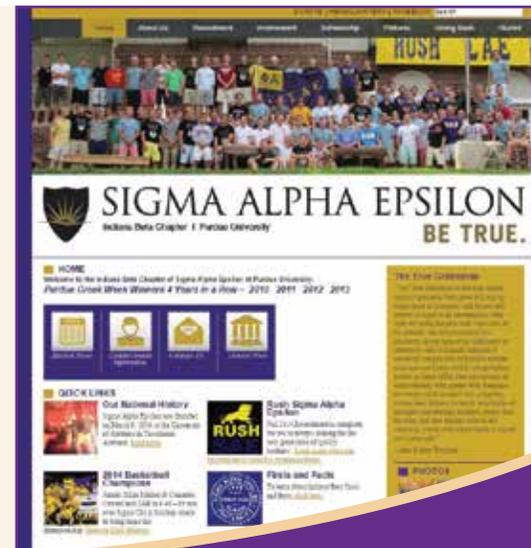
Before the Internet, cell phones, tablets, hundreds of cable channels, and video games, students would spend very little time in their rooms, as there wasn’t much to do. Socializing took place outside of the dorm. Times have

## ΣΑΕ PURDUE ONLINE

Be sure to visit our website, [www.sae.purdue.com](http://www.sae.purdue.com), to keep up with everything Indiana Beta related. While you’re there, be sure to make a donation to support Indiana Beta’s House Corporation and the many ways we support our chapter. Thank you for visiting!

### Purdue Distinguished Engineering Alumni Awards

In our spring issue of *The Lion’s Tale*, we printed names of Indiana Beta brothers we knew had received the Purdue Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award. We sincerely apologize to **Craig McLaughlin ’68** for leaving his name off the list. Craig was given the award in 1997. To our knowledge, we now have seven Indiana Betas who have won this prestigious award. Congratulations to all of you!





# Maintaining the High-Caliber Image of ΣΑΕ at Purdue

It has been an exciting beginning to our fall semester at the Lodge and we are pleased to share with you what we have been up to!

## Academic Improvement

Last semester, we were in the top 10 on campus in grades for fraternities, and also beat the all-men's average. We are pleased to report that our GPA among our brothers living in the house has risen to 3.02, and that our cumulative GPA is now at 3.03.

## Busy, but Effective Recruitment

We recently finished our fall recruitment season with 43 new members who became full members on September 14 in an initiation ceremony at the Lodge. Our recruitment season



ΣΑΕ's philanthropy tournament supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

was busy, with over 10 events in the first two weeks, and more than 400 individuals coming through our door. I would like to thank both **Neil Schaefer '15** and **D.J. Sternasty '17** for their efforts as recruitment chairmen, as well as the chapter for their continued efforts to keep us number one on campus in recruitment.

## Philanthropy and Campus Involvement

In other news, our new philanthropy chairman, **Ryan Hire '15**, has quickly gotten to work and planned a new sand volleyball philanthropy event, which was held on our property during the last weekend of September. We raised \$800 for Children's Miracle Network. We are also

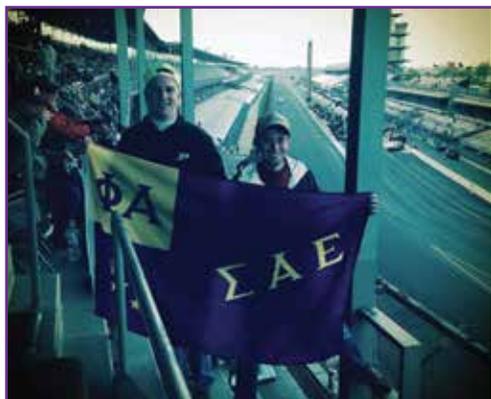
leading all Greek organizations in fundraising for the Purdue University Dance Marathon, which benefits Riley Children's Foundation, and we are looking forward to having all of our new freshmen help us out by joining us at the event. On campus, Neil Schaefer, our esteemed IFC president, put his name in the hat for Homecoming King along with a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. We also welcomed back all of our brothers who studied abroad last semester, which was a record number that made us the second highest among Greeks, as far as abroad representation was concerned.

## Intramurals and Social Events

It has not been all work however. We have been enjoying a fantastic football season being paired with the lovely ladies of Pi Beta Phi and have had an exciting social calendar planned by our events chairman, **Kyle Crawford '17**. The brothers enjoyed a trip down to Louisville, Kentucky, during the first weekend of October for a fall formal event. It was a very fun and memorable time.

We thank all our alumni for generously supporting us. I hope to see you at the Lodge this year.

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Brothers Christian Brown '17 and Alex Bogard '15 show their ΣΑΕ pride at the Indy 500.

## Welcome, New Members

The fall 2014 new member class has 43 members. They were initiated with four other members from a prior new member class on September 14, 2014. Welcome to the brotherhood!

**Brad Alkire '18\***  
Franklin, Ind.  
(Grandfather **John Auld Sr.**, Franklin College '50)

**Trevor Blanchard '18\***  
Fishers, Ind.  
(Father **Brent T. Blanchard '86**)

**Cameron Brucker '18**  
Littleton, Colo.

**Brandyn Burkhardt '18**  
Greenfield, Ind.

**James Cimino '18**  
Moraga, Calif.

**Sean Farris '18**  
Lebanon, Ind.

**Zack Fernandez '18**  
Encinitas, Calif.

**Jonathan Gaide '18**  
Lake Zurich, Ill.

**Samuel Gillen '18**  
Zionsville, Ind.

**Austin Gregor '18**  
Carmel, Ind.

**Cameron Gurtner '18**  
Bremen, Ind.

**Luis Guzman '18**  
Minneapolis, Minn.

**Michael Harold '18**  
Los Angeles, Calif.

**Josh Heintz '17**  
Munster, Ind.

**Greg Hempenius '18**  
Sterling, Va.

**Brett Hickey '18**  
St. Charles, Ill.

**Ryan Hutton '18**  
Indianapolis, Ind.

**Westley Innocenti '18**  
Lebanon, Ind.

**Jacob Kane '18**  
Lake Zurich, Ill.

**Adam Killeen '18**  
Buffalo, N.Y.

**Brennan Margiotta '18\***  
Hawthorn Woods, Ill.  
(Father **Sean M. Margiotta '87**)

**Cameron McGraw '18**  
Arlington Heights, Ill.

**Thomas Metersky '18**  
Plano, Texas

**John Milaszewski '18\***  
Schererville, Ind.  
(Brother **Alexander R. Milaszewski '17**)

**Kavian Mojabe '18**  
San Clemente, Calif.

**Ryan Nash '18\***  
Fishers, Ind.  
(Father **David Nash, Ball State '85**)

**Connor Perkins '18**  
Fishers, Ind.

**Jordan Petty '18**  
Frankfort, Ind.

**Drew Benesh '18**  
Royal Center, Ind.

**Praneet Appurubugatha '18**  
Memphis, Tenn.

## HISTORIC RECRUITMENT PROVES EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL

Every year, we understand that recruitment is not solely up to a recruitment chairman. It is an entire chapter effort. Taking the recently imposed True Gentleman experience in stride, we developed a new plan under the guidance of Recruitment Chairmen **Neil Schaefer '15** and **D.J. Sternasty '17**. We knew that this recruitment was monumental. Being the first under the True Gentleman Experience, we needed to set a precedent. We were prepared to undertake the challenge.

Each event began with a pep talk in the Great Hall. Everyone gathered to hear the agenda, objectives, and which potential new members we were intrigued to learn more about. As the recorder, I was pleased when I took attendance and saw very few names absent. Countless candidates told me that their favorite things about our chapter members were how amicable and down to earth we are. That was a fantastic compliment as it requires the whole chapter's active participation to leave such an impression.

Another incredible bonus was the active participation of highly esteemed alumnus **Wayne McIntyre '64**. Once again, Wayne flew out from California to assist us. We appreciate not only his guidance, but the message that his lifetime of involvement in our chapter sends to these candidates who know so little about Greek life. After events, another hour or so was devoted to discussing each individual who came through the house. More than 400 unique candidates came to our events. Out of this staggering number, we ended with 43 accepted bids. The period during which we extended bids only lasted 15 days.

Our goal this semester was to set a precedent. With the best recruitment in recent history, I would say this goal was accomplished with flying colors. Once again, we showed that it does not matter what obstacles we face as a chapter. Indiana Beta will always come together and devise a way to succeed. As a senior, I could not be more proud of the progress of our chapter. Unlike struggling chapters on campus, we recognize that progress does not just materialize. Progress is a united front. Recruitment is the process by which we choose those who will man that united front in the future. Thus, we undertake it with the utmost importance.

Please keep a lookout for our spring 2015 Gala! Contact EDA External **Joe Murphy '15** at [murph11670@gmail.com](mailto:murph11670@gmail.com) for more information.

Phi Alpha,  
**Mike Cody '15**  
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## An Education Gained from Life at ΣAE *Spotlight on Bill McConnell '80*



"I wanted to join a fraternity for the social experience," said **Bill McConnell '80**. "College provides the knowledge students need to get a job. The fraternity provided people skills, which are every bit as important as knowledge."

Bill gathered the lessons of living with 80 brothers and holding leadership positions as pledge class president, eminent deputy archon, and social chairman. During the spring of his senior year, he wrote letters to 10 companies in Houston, looking for a position in a chemical plant. The city's large chemical industry and rich culture interested Bill, so when an international chemical company contacted him, he jumped on the opportunity.

Today, Bill is with the same company, now as plant manager of two chemical plants in Texas where he is responsible for all aspects of the sites.

In addition to his degree in mechanical engineering and MBA from the University of Houston, Bill credits ΣAE with helping to develop some of the soft skills necessary for a successful career in a technical industry.

"In my field of engineering, careers can generally take a technical route or a managerial route. The managerial route typically has more responsibility and, as a result, more rewards. Purdue did not prepare me to work with people. Living at the Lodge on Littleton Street provided a good education at working with people, which really helped my career."

Though work has taken him a significant distance from Indiana Beta, Bill has continued to invest in the chapter as opportunities present themselves, particularly as an alumni advisor. "In the last two years, I have led my company's work to recruit engineers from Purdue. It was great to be back two or three times per year to support that effort. Visiting with the brothers during my business trips to Purdue is always a treat. They seem more focused on grades and campus standing than we were. The house average grades are higher than ours were and they seem more in tune with the campus. That says a lot for the current members."

Bill makes his home in The Woodlands, Texas, with his wife, Nancy. They have two daughters and one son. Outside of his work and family, Bill enjoys fishing and restoring antique guns. He is a direct descendant of a family of gun makers active around the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Over the years he has been able to find and restore muskets made by his relatives. Bill can be reached at [mconnellw@aol.com](mailto:mconnellw@aol.com).

**Kyle Ratner '18\***  
Wilton, Conn.  
(Uncle **Matthew W. Pollack, Carnegie Mellon '87**)

**Jacob Reyes '17**  
Orange County, Calif.

**Nick Roberts '18**  
Zionsville, Ind.

**Daniel Schmidt '18\***  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
(Father **Christopher C. Schmidt, Wisconsin '85**)

**Conner Shaw '18**  
Greenfield, Ind.

**Mickey Smith '18**  
Oak Park, Ill.

**Benjamin Stallings '17**  
Irvine, Calif.

**David Stier '18**  
Franklin, Ind.

**Jonathan Suzuki '18**  
Los Gatos, Calif.

**Kyle Tincup '18**  
Carlsbad, Calif.

**Owen Veaser '18**  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Ryan Wendel '17**  
Manhattan Beach, Calif.

**Robert Yoder '18**  
Saint Charles, Ill.

**Jack Crowley '17**  
Laguna Hills, Calif.

**Corey Mazo '17**  
Lake Forest, Calif.

**Jacob McCrory '17**  
Carmel, Ind.

**Will Yardley '17\***  
East Grand Rapids,  
Mich.

(Grandfather **Thomas Yardley, Minnesota '45**)

*\*Legacy; relative in parentheses*

## ALUMNI TAILGATES

Every home football game we've been hosting an alumni tailgate. They've been a lot of fun and brothers enjoy meeting alumni from various decades. We have two tailgates left; be sure to join us in the R Lot of Ross Ade. All you have to do is locate the large Sigma Alpha Epsilon flag. Below are the dates of the remaining home games. We hope to see you there!

**November 8 - Wisconsin (Dads' Day)**  
**November 22 - Northwestern**



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## Indiana Beta Remembers a Fond Leader in Donald A. Bloodgood '50



We recently lost an Indiana Beta leader in Brother **Donald A. Bloodgood '50**. All who knew him would say he was the consummate True Gentleman.

In 1950, Don was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and was inducted into the Purdue ROTC Hall of Fame in 1996. He took his leadership skills gained from the Army and applied them to his volunteer activities.

Don was involved with the Boy Scouts of America for over 70 years. He earned the Eagle Scout rank in 1943 and was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1966. He had been a member of the Sagamore Council BSA Executive Board since 1981. Additionally, he served on the ΣAE House Corporation for many years, including a stint as its president. He also served as the Purdue 1951 class president for more than 60 years.

After the Army, Don worked for Ross Gear and Tool Company (later TRW) from 1953 to 1994, retiring as director of manufacturing services. Don is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, JoAnn; brother, **Thomas W. Bloodgood '55**; and three grown children: David, Daniel, and Elizabeth.

Brother **John Coulson '61** noted, "I was very saddened when I learned of Don's passing in church. I looked forward to seeing him every Sunday as I followed him as a past treasurer of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chapter House Corporation. He has been honored many times by his fraternity and I have a lot of respect for him."

## Generous Alumni, Thank You!

Our sincerest thank-you goes to these brothers who contributed to our spring 2014 annual campaign. Together, these donors gave \$8,795. Your dedication to ΣAE Purdue is appreciated and helps us continue to improve our programming for undergraduates and alumni alike.

Donors are listed in their lifetime annual campaign giving level. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to **Bob Parrin '72** at bobparrin@aol.com. Thank you, again, for giving back to the chapter—it truly does make a difference!

### Phi Alpha Club (\$1,500 and above)

Leonard W. Busse '60  
Lewis G. Green Jr. '60  
Charles H. Schroeder '60  
Charles W. Sanders Jr. '61  
Norman P. Blake Jr. '64  
Randal A. Sergesketter '80  
Bill M. Frederick '82

### Brother Hero Club (\$1,000 to \$1,499)

Charles M. Jensen '63

### Phoenix Club (\$500 to \$999)

Donald L. Shaw '51  
Donald H. Morton '57  
Charles H. Alexander '64  
James C. Fisher '70  
Donald S. Meck '71  
Maurice D. Galey Jr. '85

### Lion Club (\$250 to \$499)

Robert S. Sternberger '42  
Neal B. Royer '51

James H. Lowe '53  
Dennis T. Karras '56  
Armand O. Norehad '56  
William R. Litzler '63  
Gregory S. Smith '63  
Robert S. Terry '68  
Robert R. Johnson '69  
Robert A. Altenkirch '70  
Thomas B. Poole '83

### Gold Club (\$100 to \$249)

Charles E. Hattery '43  
Alan H. Lobley '49  
Richard E. Wood '49  
E. Clifton Wilson Jr. '51  
Richard W. Butler '53  
A. Thomas Sprich III '53  
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Gilbert W. Rowe Jr. '58  
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Anthony J. Manlove '61  
Herbert W. McGuire '62  
W. Steve Anderson '63

Stephen E. Egger '63  
Michael D. Leahy '64  
Bruce T. Cundiff Jr. '65  
Andrew E. Cummins Jr. '66  
James A. Gerlach '66  
Robert W. Rush '70  
J. Michael Kensill '71  
Alan W. Polster '71  
Grant T. McBee '80  
Roy B. Heimbrock Jr. '84  
Brian T. Irwin '93  
William D. French '94  
Daniel A. Neie '95  
Kyle A. Kaiser '03

### Purple Club (\$50 to \$99)

Robert M. Freeman '77  
John D. Zarnowiecki '95  
Jeffrey T. Short '04

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Al D. Croxall Jr. '42  
Frank P. Miller '57  
William C. Bultman '67