



# THE LION'S TALE

SPRING 2017



## Construction Begins This Summer *Gifts Still Needed to Ensure Project Success*

**D**ue to the generous support of our brothers and friends, we are set to begin construction on our project this summer. To date, we have raised more than \$2.29 million from more than 115 alumni. We are very proud of everyone who has stepped up to support this campaign in its early stages; thank you! However, we still have work to do for our fundraising campaign. To ensure project completion and future success, we must finish the job and secure the full funding for our capital campaign.

### Construction Plans and Timing

We've been working hard to finalize the construction plans with our architects and project managers. All bids from subcontractors will be in hand by the end of March so that we can start work to finish the project as shown in the rendering above. We're really excited for the new structure and we hope you are too.

**On April 29, we are holding our Annual Alumni Gala.** Be sure to join us. It will be the last time you are able to stop by the old house before it gets completely renovated, and it will be a great time to get together as brothers and friends. Construction starts as soon as the undergraduates are finished with classes and finals.

Some exciting news is we are planning to purchase the residential property on 424 Littleton Street, which is adjacent to our driveway—this lot hasn't been available for at least 50 years. This will give us extra room for parking, which is desperately needed. It is a 2/3 acre lot with a 3,200-square-foot house. There are many options to expand

parking and resolve driveway easement conflict with this purchase. More than 30 brothers use Quincy Street parking, which West Lafayette officials have already tried to ban. However, with this pending purchase, our project cost has gone up by \$325,000. This is an excellent opportunity and one we absolutely need to take advantage of. But now we need your support more than ever.

### Project Essential for Success

Numerous fraternities at Purdue have completed similar renovations or are in the midst of capital campaigns. Unfortunately, we are lagging behind in comparison in our fundraising. Fraternities such as Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and FarmHouse have surpassed us in fundraising. Renovating our worn out house both provides the required facility updates and will position ΣΑΕ to continue leading at Purdue. When completed, we will have an excellent facility worthy of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon name and we will be able to continue attracting and retaining quality individuals.

### Continued Support Needed

We want to make sure our chapter stays strong. We know that you want to see this as well. In order to keep up with rising construction costs, we need to reach our campaign goal. Reaching our \$5 million goal will significantly help in keeping our debt at a manageable level. Doing so allows the chapter to remain competitive with room and board and allows for a first-rate house to recruit the best and brightest. The anticipation from our undergraduates for the

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### CAMPAIGN STATUS

#### AT-A-GLANCE

*As of March 7, 2017*

**\$5 MILLION  
FUNDRAISING GOAL**

**\$2,292,109  
IN CONTRIBUTIONS**

**119  
PLEDGES TO DATE**

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## Brothers and Friends Donate Nearly \$2.3 Million to Campaign Add Your Name Today—Your Help Is Needed to Reach Our Goal!

We are sincerely grateful to the following generous donors whose commitment to *A Tradition of Excellence: The Campaign for Indiana Beta* is making a difference. Your generosity demonstrates a sense of gratitude for your personal experience. We still need commitments from the rest of our alumni to reach our goal and complete this major project. All supporters of the project pledging \$5,000 and above will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque in our renovated chapter house. We apologize if there's an error in recording your gift or your name. We're working hard to record this vital information, so please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 to make any corrections. Join your brothers on this list by using the enclosed pledge form and envelope to make your pledge today. Thank you for your support!

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### Lion's Legacy Society (\$100,000 to \$249,999)

Norman P. Blake Jr. '64  
Philip Wagner '64  
In memory of  
Tom Bauman '61  
William D. Schmicker '65

### Purple and Gold Society (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

David A. Bigler '58  
C. Charles Dauk Jr. '96

### Indiana Beta Society (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Anonymous  
In memory of  
Larry Guffin '65 and  
Steve Norcross '65  
Charles Kehrt '59  
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### Phi Alpha Society (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Charles W. Ashing III '59  
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William R. Litzler '64  
Wayne F. McIntyre '64  
Mark S. Hopkins '79  
Randal A. Sergesketter '80  
Geoff Cubitt '91

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In memory of  
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Charles H. Schroeder '60  
John C. Coulson '61  
Bruce T. Cundiff Jr. '65  
James H. Rogers '65  
In memory of  
Ronald D. Fell '64  
Robert L. Parrin '72

### 406 Littleton Society (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

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Lynn R. Coy '64  
William S. Toth '65  
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Bill Cupp '67  
James E. Kane Jr. '68 and  
William M Stover '68  
In memory of  
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Roy Heimbrock Jr. '84  
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### Friends Society (Up to \$2,499)

Nancy Liber  
In memory of  
John D. Liber '60,  
friendships of the  
ΣAE brothers,  
Charles W. Kehrt '59,  
and Robert W. Butler '60  
James R. Wiltman  
Philip N. Clark '51  
Richard W. Butler '53  
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Thomas W. Bloodgood '55  
In memory of  
Don Bloodgood '50  
Virgil G. Burkhardt '55  
John S. Castell '56  
Donn B. Whitmer '56  
Jon A. Nuss '57  
John H. Hager '58  
Lloyd C. Cooper '59  
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David E. Labelle '71  
Donald J. Haerer '76  
Robert M. Freeman '77  
Robert B. Gregg '77  
Frederick W. Tillotson '79  
Edward Vaughn '79  
In memory of  
the Cave  
Thomas Roseberry '82  
David P. Buntin '85  
In memory of  
Steve Dunkerly '86  
William C. Meirink '89  
Tony L. Zimmerer '90  
Todd M. Montabana '93  
Craig A. Heiss '94  
Patrick Lehman '95  
Alan M. Page '95  
Alexander C. Lane '06  
Drew Anspach '07  
Nick Tenhundfeld '07  
Stephen Van Pelt '08  
Daniel Byles-Smith '09  
Charlie Dilts '12

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new facility is creating excitement and motivation. Let's give them the tools they need to succeed and enjoy their time in ΣAE. Our chapter has a lot to give and teach a young man. Let's make the experience that much better by providing an updated facility. This facility will greatly improve recruitment and morale, creating a strong and unified Purdue ΣAE.

When we pool our resources and work together, we can accomplish great things. Let's reach our goal of \$5 million together! Utilize the enclosed pledge form to commit your support. Please use the enclosed response form and envelope to ensure your gift arrives correctly; please don't mail

your gifts to the chapter house or to ΣAE National HQ. Please do what you can—by donating for the first time, or by extending your pledge to a sixth year—to close the gap to our goal. With your help we can ensure our tradition of excellence continues.

Be sure to join us on April 29 for our Annual Alumni Gala!

Phi Alpha,  
**Wayne McIntyre '64**, Campaign Chairman  
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# PAYING IT FORWARD

## Why Geoff Cubitt '92 Is Giving Back to Indiana Beta

**G**eoff Cubitt '92 joined Sigma Alpha Epsilon because he wanted to get involved on campus and interact with more people. A friend of his convinced him to attend some recruitment functions, and when he met the guys of Indiana Beta, he didn't have to look much further. As he remembers it now, "when you live with 80 other people, you're going to live with a lot of characters, and you're going to be exposed to a lot of different perspectives. Overall, it was a really developmental experience."

While he lived in the chapter house, Geoff worked, through his position as recruitment chairman and later as vice president, to convey that message to potential new brothers and parents. "People don't think about this, but the undergraduate chapter is really just a bunch of 18 to 22 year olds running things, making a budget, and getting things done. It's the perfect place to learn about leadership, to mentor others, and to be mentored," he said.

Those experiences are what motivated Geoff to donate at the Phi Alpha Society level to *A Tradition of Excellence: The Campaign for Indiana Beta*. "As I was thinking about the chapter house, I thought about the way it was when I was an undergraduate; it was a pretty big, pretty nice house. And someone before me had helped pay for that, and I was able to benefit from that," he said.

"It's up to us to help pay that faith that others put into Indiana Beta forward, so that the active brothers and maybe our children can benefit from it. I think these planned updates will improve the living environment for members, and help them continue to attract quality brothers going forward," Geoff



said. He continued, "I think it's easy to be apathetic and to believe that other people will pick up the slack, but participation in this campaign is sort of like running a chapter house; it only works when everyone pitches in and helps out."

Geoff earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue and a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from

Stanford. He was a founder of Roundarch, a digital agency, which became Isobar in 2013, where he now works as CEO of their operations in the United States. Isobar is a global, full-service digital agency that designs and builds digital solutions for a wide range of clients, including NBCUniversal, HBO, Enterprise-Rent-a-Car, Lego, and Adidas.

He and his wife, fellow Purdue University graduate, Kate Cummings Cubitt, live in Evanston, Illinois, with their sons, Owen and Drew. He still stays in touch with **Damian Mason '92**, **Joe Vanmeter '95**, **Jim Mourafetis '91**, and **Ed Nichols '91**, and they all meet up a couple of times a year. In his free time, he plays tennis, platform tennis, attends music festivals and sporting events with his sons, and plays guitar. You can connect with Geoff at [geoff.cubitt@isobar.com](mailto:geoff.cubitt@isobar.com).

## Indiana Beta Sets Its Sights on a Successful Spring Brothers Thankful for Alumni Support



*Male and coed intramural flag football championship winners. In the top photo, brothers pictured from left to right, back to front: Michael Rastovic '18, Cody Colbert '19, Zackary Fernandez '18, Reed Evans '19, Jack Rau '20, Jake Laws '17, DJ Sternasty '17, Brett Hickey '18, Joseph Schneider '19, Dalton Skees '17, Cameron Gurtner '18, Jake Kleffman '19, and Cameron Brucker '18.*

**B**rothers, I hope this letter finds you well all across the realm. I'm happy to report that life here in West Lafayette for the brothers at Indiana Beta is lively and optimistic, as is our future moving forward. With the recent variance approval, we are extremely excited for the phases of our renovation to begin in the coming months, but that is not to say our past few months should go unnoticed. The past semester and a half has been incredibly fulfilling as we have had brothers excel in academics, philanthropy, intramurals, on-campus involvement, and external involvement.

### Academic Achievement

From an academic standpoint, our house received a 3.01 GPA during the fall semester. This ranks us among the top five fraternities at Purdue, and is consistent with our past academic performances. We have also begun our own in-house mentorship program for the vast number of majors we are grateful to have make up our house as a whole.

### Campus Activities and Intramurals

As far as campus involvement is concerned, we have had brothers step up to major leadership roles on the Interfraternal Council with **Stephen Binstock '19** serving as treasurer and **Samuel Gillen '18** as chief justice of the judicial board. Brothers **Jon Gaide '18** and **Robert Minturn '17** have put their efforts toward serving as committee heads for Purdue University's Dance Marathon. Brothers are also excelling in intramural sports, with championship wins in both fraternity and coed flag football, coed handball, inter-tube water polo, and first, second, and third place in the intramural bowling league. It has been a hugely successful fall season.

### Philanthropic Pursuits

In regard to our own philanthropic endeavors, while we continue to be active and successful in other organization's events, we shifted the bulk of our efforts to creating one of the most successful Paddy Murphy Weeks in recent

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# Annual Founder's Gala and Evening of Excellence

SATURDAY, APRIL 29  
5 TO 10 P.M.  
9 IRISH BROTHERS  
119 HOWARD AVE.  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Join alumni and undergraduate brothers for a terrific Spring Reunion weekend to renew old friendships and experience the Indiana Beta house prior to the start of our \$5 million renovation. Activities will begin with a semiformal reunion at 9 Irish Brothers on Saturday evening, followed by a reception at the chapter house. Following the meal, we will hold an awards ceremony to honor alumni, collegiate brothers, and ΣAE accomplishments on and off campus. You don't want to miss this reunion to connect with longtime friends and to see for yourself how ΣAE continues to lead Purdue.

RSVP by contacting External Alumni Relations Chairman **Johnathan "Vito" Karahlios '18** at (219) 895-0494 or at [vp.external@saepurdue.com](mailto:vp.external@saepurdue.com). Dinner is free of charge, and there will be an open bar available throughout the evening. In addition to your attendance, we hope you bring your wife or companion. Semiformal attire. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Successful Spring

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memory. With over a full week of events that started on March 29 and ended April 7, we couldn't have been more excited and driven to pass last year's total of \$12,500 raised. Our new philanthropy of choice is the Pat McAfee Foundation, an organization that provides scholarship assistance to the sons and daughters of U.S. military personnel. This organization, based in Indianapolis, will serve more local interests while still keeping soldiers and their families at the heart of what we do.

## Thanking Parents and Alumni

After another successful Father's Day event this past fall, we are very much looking forward to Mom's Day on April 8. Mothers will have the opportunity to check in and enjoy the day at Indiana Beta. These events allow us to express our appreciation for all the support our parents provide. Similarly, we have our Annual Alumni Gala honoring both alumni and active brothers for their success at Purdue and in various leadership endeavors on April 29. This event is a great time for us to socialize with our alumni brothers and thank them for their support—we hope to see you there!

As you can tell, life here at Indiana Beta has been very active over the past few months and



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*Brothers at the Purdue University Dance Marathon (back to front, left to right): Max McCool '20, Dixon Walker '17, Kyle DiGioia '17, Jason Thielen '20, Eric Gregor '20, Mitch Imler '20, Nate Loh '20, Ryan Rueffer '20, Cory Crist '20, Kyle Tincup '18, Cameron Kwieciak '20, Stephen Binstock '19, Dylon Chase '20, Isaac Mendoza '17, Eric Kirkpatrick '19, and Brennan Margiotta '18.*



*Samuel Rice '19 presents the prize to the Miss Paddy Murphy pageant winner, Lexi Feldsott of Chi Omega.*

we hope to continue this time of optimism and brotherly bonding. Our success comes from the foundation that alumni, like yourself, have built for us, and we hope to continue to build upon that success for brothers to enjoy for generations to come.

Phi Alpha,  
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