

Brother to Brother



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Balanced Man Minute

To most of the alumni of Indiana Eta, the Balanced Man program is a mystery. Just what it is and what it is not are not always well understood. The Balanced Man Minute is aimed at helping alumni understand what the Balanced Man Program really is...

The Balanced Man Program (BMP) is a brotherhood development program aimed at continuous improvements throughout each brother's undergraduate career. This ongoing development is divided into phases: Sigma, Phi, Epsilon, and Brother Mentor.

New members are no longer called "pledges". As you may have once learned, "a pledge is a promise to do something of significance". With this in mind, the "pledge period" has been effectively extended to encompass a brother's entire life. This never-ending pursuit is an attempt to better realize the lifetime responsibility of brotherhood.

Each member must determine a pace at which he can accomplish the requirements for each phase of develop-

ment. Still, there are guidelines to help.

The Sigma Challenge usually lasts between six and eight weeks and introduces the new member to the fraternity, what it stands for, and how it operates.

The Phi Challenge is notably longer, varying between six months and one year. Brothers in the Phi Challenge focus their development on gentlemanly behavior, respect for self and others, and inter-fraternal relations.

The Epsilon Challenge is normally the longest, normally lasting about a year. Because of this, most of the chap-

ter at any given time is in this stage.

This is where truly learn to become leaders within the chapter, on campus, in the community, and in the workplace.

The Brother Mentor Challenge is the final stage of undergraduate development. Brothers in this stage are typically seniors preparing to leave behind school and begin their lifelong career development.

For more information, watch this space in upcoming newsletters or contact the Chapter's Balanced Man Steward at: steward@indiana-eta.org.

40th Anniversary Celebration

Here's a trivia question for you... Will 2003 mark the fortieth anniversary of Indiana Eta or will it have been forty years since Theta Tau Upsilon was formed at Indiana Tech? Either way, it is cause for celebration.

The 40th Anniversary Celebration

will be held at the Downtown Fort Wayne Hilton from Friday, October 31, through Saturday, November 1, 2003. Mark your calendar now and watch for more details in upcoming newsletters. Please try to be a part of our celebration of our heritage at Indiana Tech.

Manpower

As you may well be aware, Indiana Eta has faced a major challenge lately in the area of manpower. Newly imposed standards from Sig Ep Headquarters require that all chapters meet minimum manpower requirements of 25 men or being in the top quartile of fraternities on campus.

Maintaining these standards can be difficult for chapters at small schools such as Indiana Tech. Despite this, Indiana Eta has continued to meet and

surpass these requirements.

The chapter has recently taken on the goal of reaching a 40-man chapter. This will not be an easy task, especially if with on-campus housing recently reduced as the school has transitioned to the newer and nicer but smaller dormitory.

Continuing efforts to improve the Balanced Man Program will be a major boon to both recruitment and member retention.

Potential Capital Campaign

As our house continues to age, we, the alumni of Indiana Eta, are faced with the decision of either renovating the existing structure or building new. Whichever choice is made, one thing remains the same: the need to raise capital for the project.

We are currently seeking input from alumni from past eras of Indiana Eta and would like to hear from you. To make your voice heard, send email to: capitalcampaign@indiana-eta.org.

A group of alumni will be meeting soon to begin the process of a feasibility study for a possible capital campaign. We are in need of alumni to begin this process, which will entail meeting for three hours at the chapter house. This is a one-time commitment and it is vital that we have as many eras of the alumni represented at this meeting. Look for a post card soon about this meeting and your potential involvement.

Indiana Eta Undergraduate Officers 2003

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Sweetheart Ball 2003

This year's Sweetheart Ball will be held on
Saturday, April 5, 2003

at Don Hall's Guest House on West Washington Center Road.

Watch for your invite in the mail shortly and remember to RSVP asap.



New Alumni Initiate Additions to Indiana Eta

This past year has seen some notable additions to the brotherhood of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Indiana Eta.

On April 27, 2002, Richard Copits was initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon. That's right, Richard Copits, one of the first three original members of Theta Tau Upsilon, who left Indiana Tech before Indiana Eta received its charter, has finally become a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Donald Andorfer, President of Indiana Institute of Technology, was initiated as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon on November 13, 2001. Brother Andorfer will be retiring from his position at the school at the end of this year. Considering the progress on campus over the past few years, he will certainly be a hard act to follow.

We are honored to have these two men join our ranks. Please remember to welcome them to the brotherhood the next time you see them.

2002-2003 Alumni Board

President: Justin Hoffman (5th year on Board)
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Aaron Nedd: (1st year)

Jeff Woodward (6th year)

Robert Swindell (2nd* year)

* Consecutive years

Stay in Touch with Your Brothers Electronically!

Announcing the Indiana Eta Alumni listserv! We will post occasional news about the chapter, alumni and Indiana Tech. Together with the newsletters, web page and alumni events, we hope to keep you connected to the chapter, alumni and Indiana Tech. To subscribe send an email to:

Indiana_Eta_Alumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Moved Recently? Had a Promotion?

Help us keep our records up to date and to share your news with your brothers.

Send your updates to:

Alumni_news_and_notes@yahoo.com

Look for the Alumni News section of the Spring newsletter

Check Out Indiana Eta on the Web

The Brothers of Indiana Eta have launched a new web site. Check out the latest news of the chapter, alumni and Indiana Tech at:

www.indiana-eta.org



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