

Brother to Brother



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Tradition Continues

For as long as I have been around, and even for years and years before that, it has been tradition at Indiana Eta to have a Christmas themed brother's gathering at the beginning of December. Santa Bro's are still common place, and gifts are exchanged between all members. Of course, the gifts are usually meant to rib on a brother, but occasionally you get a real gem or two. Be sure to ask Adam Greb or Reid Hochstedler about their Christmas gifts this year!!! Also at the Christmas party, mugs and nicknames are given out (in the traditional fashion). As always, all alumni are invited to attend this fun brotherhood gathering. Look for more information in the Fall Brother-to-Brother.

Another tradition that has continued at Indiana Eta is The Smoker. In case you need a refresher, Smokers are the semi-semester events held at the fraternity house that are aimed in educating potential new members on what the house and Sig Ep is all about. The basic concept behind the Smoker has not changed in years: bring people over to the house, tell them about Indiana Eta and Sig Ep and try to get them interested in joining. These Smokers are still an integral part in the year-round-recruiting that we do.

Newer traditions are going on as well. A few years ago an event called Red Rose Dinner was put together by Clarence Bunch. It started with a simple idea, bring parents and family of brothers in to get an idea of what being in a fraternity is all about. The first year, this event was a great success and it was decided that we should do it every year. Recently, a Red Rose dinner was held, where many of the actives parents, brothers, and sisters attended. They were treated to tours, stories, meet-and-greets. Dinner was served

Conclave Is Coming

As you may know, the 49th Grand Chapter Conclave is being held from Wednesday, August 13 through Saturday, August 16, 2003. It is being held at the Marriott Rivercenter on the river-walk in San Antonio, Texas. This year's theme is 'There's a New Sig Ep in Town'.

As always, there will be many events for both alumni and actives to participate in. Recently, the actives elected Andy Dye as their delegate, with Tommy Le as the alternate, and both of those gentlemen will be attending. Additionally, George Matocha, John Kosmakos and Adam Greb are planning on going.

I haven't heard from many alumni yet, but I do know that Brandan Haines,

Shawn Lang, and Jeff Woodward will be going; and I'm almost positive that Paul Litcher will be there.

It is not too late to register for Conclave. You can still get an early-bird rate by registering before July 1 (Costs now are \$355 for alumni, \$295 for Under-graduates, and \$275 for guests). After July 1 the costs all go up \$20. You can also register on-site.

For all of the information related to Conclave, check out SigEp's website for it: <http://www.sigep.org/Conclave/>

If you are planning on going to Conclave, be sure to let us know about it. You can reach me by e-mailing to brother-to-brother@indiana-eta.org

– Brandan Haines ■

From Adam Greb, President:

Chapter Goals By The End of This Semester



- Raise \$300 through fundraising
- Recruit at least 4 more members to join the fraternity
- Have at least 2 more recruitment events
- Have 2 more philanthropy events

at the cafeteria (there was not enough room in the house for everyone). An award was presented to Greg Johnson's parents for doing the longest drive, and Thanks were presented to Tommy Le and Paul Peterson for helping Joe Minor pull together the event. Family members were

also treated to a 'mock chapter' meeting in which brother's described what each of their positions were in the house and the order of business was followed. Many positive comments were received about this event, thus solidifying it as a new Sig Ep tradition. ■

From Brandan Haines:

Responsible Programming

As of right now, Sig Ep has not decreed that all chapters go alcohol or substance free. While there may be an initiative coming in the future, this has not yet come to pass. Indiana Eta is not yet 'dry'. Regardless, there are conventions in place to make this a relatively non-factor. In this particular Brother-to-Brother, we'll cover the BARACD (Brotherhood Affirmation of Responsible Alcohol Consumption and Distribution) form. In short, this is a form, which puts (in writing) multiple guidelines for the safe and 'risk managed' handling of alcohol on the premises. Two examples of what this document covers: members will not condone, tolerate, encourage, or participate in any situation that supports the abuse of alcohol; and members shall uphold all risk management guidelines during all social events. All brothers are required to be aware of BARACD, and it is reviewed at risk management seminars (at least one conducted a semester). If problems arise, all members are required to re-read, sign, and date the form and violations of the form are handled through the standards board. ■

40th Anniversary Celebration

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.

Balanced Man Minute: ELAs

One TLA (three-letter acronym) that has become synonymous with another TLA, the BMP (Balanced Man Program), is ELA. Whew. ELA stands for Experiential Learning Activity. Think: learning by/while doing. Basically, these are activities that teach techniques for teambuilding, teamwork, communication, and brotherhood. In them, brothers are placed in varying scenarios to help them learn more about these talents. It's kind of hard to describe these ELAs, so here are two examples.

One: Electric Fence. In this exercise, brothers must find a way to get from one side of an imaginary electric fence to the other. You must go OVER the fence, and all brothers must make it across. If that's not enough, various 'afflictions' are applied to certain members. For example, an outspoken leader could be made mute for the duration of the exercise, a non-leader could be the only one who could give direction, an athletic brother could be paralyzed, etc. The point is to give members an opportunity to approach difficult situations in a different manner, while teaching them various problem-solving skills.

Two: Reverse Gavel Pass. In this exercise, brothers are put into a circle, and one of the brothers holds a gavel. While that brother holds the gavel, all other brothers (in turn) give positive feedback or constructive criticism about that particular brother. It is a positive-themed exercise that gives brothers the chance to learn their strengths and weaknesses as other brother's see them. Through this methodology, brotherhood is strengthened and communication is paramount.

As you can see, these ELAs can be quite useful in expanding a member's

From John Kosmakos:

Successful Blood Drive Philanthropy

On November 19, 2002, Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsored and hosted a blood drive in conjunction with American Red Cross Blood Services, Indiana/Ohio Region. I coordinated this event, and recruited donors even though they did not schedule appointments in advance.

A goal was set at 25 productive units. I had 15 people scheduled, overall 36 wound up showing up to donate. The results were: 3 deferrals (unable to donate), 2 were insufficient units, and 31 productive. 13 people were first-time donors (including myself) and there was only one light reaction. The low number of reactions indicates that everyone who donated read the distributed literature or followed instructions to eat before donating.

The collective donations will affect the lives of as many as 93 people. Each unit will provide the Red Cross with three components: red cells, platelets, and plasma—which will be utilized by three different people. The donors will be heroes to many grateful patients.

I also received a letter of commending me of my efforts of the blood drive from Kathy Workinger (of the American Red Cross) and one from IIT President Don Andorfer. I had asked brothers to donate blood, and some of them did (time permitting). The drive was held during school hours (between 10am and 1pm). Another drive is forthcoming. ■

experience in Sigma Phi Epsilon (SPE) which is really what these are all about. ■

Indiana Eta Undergraduate Officers 2003

President	Adam Greb
Vice President of Programming	Greg Johnson
Vice President of Finance	Steve Eckhart
Vice President of Recruitment	Ryan Zeifert
Vice President of Member Development	Joe Minor
Vice President of Communications	Jamie Baugh

Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Underway

On February 22, 2003, several alumni from multiple generations and current actives met with Ron Binder of Gilchrist Alumni Management Associates (www.gilchristassociates.com) to discuss the potential upcoming Capital Campaign. This ‘kickoff’ session was designed to determine where alumni are and what their current status is, while also answering questions about the purpose of a capital campaign, etc. Gilchrist Alumni Management Associates will be taking that information and performing a feasibility study against the data.

The feasibility study is expected to be completed around the end of June. Over the course of the next several months we should be hearing a significant amount more about this project. In the interim, you can direct questions/comments to Peter Adgalanis by e-mailing capitalcampaign@indiana-eta.org ■

Brother Robert Marshall

I am charged with a daunting task in this particular BTB, to commemorate and remember a founding member of Indiana Eta who passed away: Brother Robert Marshall. Brother Marshall passed away on Feb. 25, 2003 at Harborside Healthcare Center in New Haven, IN. He was 82.

I, unfortunately, did not know Brother Marshall, but many of the other alumni did. We happened to track down a letter that Brother Marshall wrote for a newsletter in December of 1992. I thought, what a better way to remember a great man, and a great brother than by his own words. What follows are some excerpts from this letter:

“I pledged and was initiated into the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity in 1938-39 at the University of Denver. The chapter was Colorado Beta. I chose this fraternity because the members were those whom I most wished to become associated with.

“I served about 42 months with the Army Air Corps and was discharged early in February of 1946. [I was] offered a

chance to resume my college education, which I took advantage of at once! I selected the little known school, Indiana Technical College. I became a full-time instructor upon graduation in 1948.

“In 1950, I was asked to become ‘faculty moderator’ to a local fraternity. At that time, Indiana Tech had not been accredited and so no large national fraternity could have a chapter there. When Robert Swindell came on campus, he also associated himself with this group. When it became apparent that Indiana Tech would become accredited, we started to prepare this group to become a chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. For some reason, this [particular] group chose not to associate with Sig Ep and so Prof. Swindell set out to establish a local [group] for that purpose. I became faculty advisor and Prof. Swindell became chapter counselor of Theta Tau Upsilon. We retained those positions after the chapter became [the] Indiana Eta [chapter] of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

From the very beginning, the chapter was the largest and most active on campus. As I remember, there were eight other fraternities and they greeted us in a most hostile manner. However, this did not keep us from being the largest and best fraternity on campus at all times.

“My many years of association with Indiana Eta have been a most happy experience. As I grew older, the members of the fraternity seemed to grow younger. While I was still teaching, it was easy for me to keep up with the thinking of the students, but upon retirement, I found it was more difficult to keep my fingers on the pulse of student thought. I resigned my position as chapter counselor, but I still have warm feelings for ‘my kids’ and hope that I can still serve them in some small way.”

It is inspiring, especially to someone like me, to see that Brother Marshall kept Sigma Phi Epsilon so dear and near to his heart. Many brothers (active and alumni) showed respect for this great man by attending his viewing and others attended the funeral.

Brother Marshall is survived by his sister Marilyn Nusbaum of Union, Kentucky, and many nieces and nephews. He is buried in Greenlawn Memorial Park (off Covington Road in Fort Wayne). ■

New Undergraduate Brothers

Since September 2002

Name	Major	Hometown
Tommy Le	Electrical Engineering	West Chester, OH
Alan Burianek	<i>(Left school for the Air Force)</i>	
Jamie Baugh	Management	Wayne, IN
Jeremy Hess	IME	Bally, PA
Ryan Camp	CPE	Hobart, IN
Matt Newshutz	Electrical Engineering	North Ridgeville, OH
Michael Earnhart	CPE	Clifton, IL
Bogdan (Bo) Biliboaca	HR/Marketing	North Olmstead, OH
Tim Novinger	CIS	Glen Ellyn, IL

New Postgraduate Brothers

Since September 2002

Dave Allway	Indiana Tech Faculty – Assistant Prof./Women’s Soccer Coach
Joel Harmeyer	Indiana Tech Faculty – Associate Admissions Director (ESD)

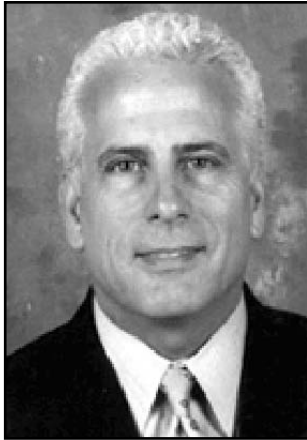
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Trustees Appoints Arthur Snyder as Next President

The Indiana Institute of Technology Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Arthur E. Snyder as president of the university, effective July 1, 2003. Snyder will succeed Donald J. Andorfer, who is retiring as President of Indiana Tech after 18 years in that position. Andorfer will continue to serve the university in his retirement as senior



consultant to the new president during the transition period, assisting in fundraising and the development of the student union/library complex and the west expansion projects now underway.

Dr. Snyder joins Indiana Tech from Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois where he has been Dean of the Tabor School of Business and Chair of Executive Management since July 2001. From 1992 to 2001 he was Chairman of the Department of Marketing and Dean of Professional/Graduate studies at Lynn University, Boca Raton, Florida. He also was Adjunct Professor at the New York Institute of Technology in the MBA program. Prior to Dr. Snyder's academic career, he was in the telecommunication industry for twelve years, as an executive in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

"Dr. Snyder has a proven record of strong leadership and management in both the academic and business professions," Steve Brody, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated on making the announcement. "He is a seasoned leader and has proven his commitment to academic excellence and teaching through his many professional accomplishments. His combination of academic and business background offers a unique blend of talents to advance Indiana Tech to the next level," Brody continued.

"Dr. Snyder's education and experience in innovative leadership and strategic planning gives him the background to lead the university forward," President Andorfer stated about the appointment. "His experience in the classroom demonstrates his strong commitment to a student-centered university. His significant experience in development and implementation of new curricular offerings at the

baccalaureate, master's and doctoral level will serve our adult education division's advancement. As a successful fundraiser and with his interpersonal skills, Dr. Snyder's leadership style will invigorate the university and the community for years to come," Andorfer concluded.

The University's Presidential Search Committee recommended Dr. Snyder to the Board of Trustees after a

national search facilitated by Academic Search Consultation Services. The committee was challenged to seek a candidate who demonstrates a commitment to teaching and student-centered education; relates to people within the university and community; continues the fiscal management policies of Indiana Tech; encourages the use of technology in delivery of edu-

cation and services; is dedicated to the educational process, shared governance and consensus-building; and provides vigorous fundraising skills in support of the endowment, programs, and facilities.

The nine-member Presidential Search Committee began the search process in April 2002 and narrowed down the forty applicants to three finalist candidates. The three candidates were invited to the campus for three days of interviews with the university community and Board of Trustees.

"It is a distinctive honor and privilege to be selected as the President of Indiana Institute of Technology," Dr. Snyder stated. "Indiana Tech is an outstanding university with an excellent faculty and staff who are unwavering in their dedication to serving students and the community. I am excited about being given the opportunity to provide leadership in moving the university forward."

Want to Stay in Touch with Your Brothers Electronically?

Join the Indiana Eta Alumni listserv.

To subscribe send an email to:

Indiana_Eta_Alumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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.

Indiana Eta On the Web:

The active brothers have launched a web site.

Check out the latest in chapter, alumni and Indiana Tech news at:

www.indiana-eta.org

Request for Content:

It is hard to pull a newsletter of substance together without support and communications from the active chapter and alumni. So, please, if you have a Sig Ep story, memory, or piece of history that you can submit, I entreat you to do so!!! We are planning to make Brother-to-Brother a quarterly publication. Any article suggestions, ideas, submissions, etc. can be submitted by email to brother-to-brother@indiana-eta.org. Submissions received by July 25, 2003 will be considered for the next issue of BTB, to be issued in August 2003. ■

Just Moved or Had a Promotion?

Help us keep our records up to date and share news with your brothers. Send an e-mail with your updates to: email to the following address:

Alumni_news_and_notes@yahoo.com

Look for the Alumni News section in the next newsletter.