
THE DAILY DAWG

The chapter newsletter for alumni and friends of the Indiana Zeta Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi | Spring 2023



A LIFETIME BOND

As alumni, you are an integral part of our Fraternity's rich history and legacy. Your contributions to the organization have helped us grow and thrive, and we are grateful for your ongoing support. This past year the Zeta Alumni Group (ZAG) held several events and we look forward to making these annual traditions.

In October we had a cleanup day, where we shampooed the carpeting on the first floor and painted the hallways (and the floor, oops). We also performed some general outside clean-up, especially in the back yard.

Butler's Homecoming is also a highlight for our chapter, and is an open house, put on by the undergrads. We always look forward to welcoming alumni back to campus and showing them what we've been up to since their time as active members. We have a variety of events planned, including a tailgate before the game, going as a group to watch the football game, and hanging out back at the house after the game. *We hope to see you there!*

In January we gathered to cheer on the Dawgs

and then headed to the newly reopened Bulldog Lounge to rehash the game. We have done this annually for several years and we expect that next year we will get together again to bask in the glow of a Butler victory. Information on this will be sent out once the schedules are published.

An upcoming event that we have scheduled is Symphony on the Prairie followed by a golf outing the next morning. For this year we have picked the Face2Face tribute night (Billy Joel & Elton John tribute band) at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 29 at Conner Prairie. Brothers (and guests) are invited to meet up on the lawn and enjoy the music and fellowship. We have tentatively penciled in a golf outing at Sahms on Sunday. Last year we followed the golf with a group dinner. It is always a fun weekend where we get to enjoy some beautiful music and spend time together out on the course. We hope you'll join us for this exciting event.

Lastly, I want to emphasize the importance of staying involved in the Fraternity even after graduation. As an alumnus, you have a wealth of knowledge and experience that can be

invaluable to current members. We encourage you to consider becoming a mentor or offering your guidance to the younger brothers.

We hope that we have given you a glimpse into the exciting activities and events from this past year and what we have planned in the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and staying connected with you as part of our lifelong brotherhood. Check the chapter website for announcements at www.butlerphipsi.org.

If you would like to be kept up to date with the Zeta Alumni Group (ZAG) send your contact information to indianazetaalums@gmail.com and we will get you on the distribution list.

Fraternally,

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CHAPTER UPDATE

Growing the Brotherhood

This was quite an eventful year for Indiana Zeta. Following Phi Psi's return to campus as a colony in 2020 and our rechartering at this past summer's Grand Arch Council, this academic year marked the official return as the Indiana Zeta Chapter – and we could not be prouder to be Phi Psis.

Overall, we had one of the best recruiting years to date. Despite a large portion of the chapter house being in disarray due to water damage and subsequent construction, formal recruitment went very well. One of our current members, Finn Williams, organized and led a successful week of different events for formal recruitment. His commitment and excitement empowered the whole brotherhood. A week of high spirits and optimism really paid off for us.

Concluding the Spring 2023 semester, our chapter successfully recruited nine additional members to the chapter, while we are saying goodbye to five graduating seniors. Though we recognize our numbers may not be as high as we had hoped for, the officer team has taken a lot of time this past semester in coming up with a solid recruitment strategy to boost Phi Psi's presence and success at Butler. Taking the proper time to come up with an effective recruiting strategy for the fall has energized the brothers for this next year and next chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at Butler.

The more our chapter is grows, the more committed we are to creating a strong bond within our brotherhood. One highlight from this past semester was that our chapter had a brotherhood event where we went to Victory Field in downtown Indy to watch an Indians game.

Through thick and thin, our chapter continues to grow – both in numbers and in the bond. We will not let Indiana Zeta down!

NEWS FROM INDIANA ZETA

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

David Womer '71

We had the chance to connect with one of our outstanding alumni, David Womer '71, to ask him what life has been like since college, and what Phi Psi has meant for him over the years.

What made you want to join Phi Psi?

I joined Phi Psi because of the relationships that developed after coming to Butler. I transferred to Butler University as a junior in the fall of 1969. It was the first full year as a colony for Indiana Zeta. At this time the colony had no house and most of the actives were living in Ross Hall. My roommate was Tom Sughrue who became an active during that fall. Our room became a popular location for a number of the current brothers to visit because of its location in the dorm and the fact that Tom was on the college debate team and at least four other brothers were on that team. I came to know many of the brothers as friends and thus joined the Fraternity at the beginning of the second semester.

What are some of your cherished Phi Psi memories?

Things I most remember from my undergraduate days would include the installation of Indiana Zeta as a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in May of 1971. Also, being a part of a colony that was growing on the Butler campus and beginning on the road of being a leading fraternity. Finally, the bonding with my brothers when we competed in events on or off campus. I was the organizer of the first Indiana Zeta spring break trip to Florida.

How did your parents react to you joining Phi Psi?

My parents were not concerned about my joining a fraternity. The fact I was already a junior and had established a solid grade average by then probably lessened their concern. As parents we had no issues when our son, Wesley became a member of Indiana Zeta in 2000.

Since graduating, how have you stayed connected or involved with Phi Psi?

I have stayed connected with the chapter particularly in the last decade. After attending the 40th year reunion several of the charter members got together for an afterparty drink. It was mentioned that we should make a point to meet on a regular basis since we were getting older. Several months later I saw in *The Shield* under Chapter Eternal that my roommate senior year Stan Kletecka, had passed. This motivated me to start an annual Butler men's basketball game to get together for those brothers in the first half dozen years. Since 2013, excluding two years during COVID we have chosen a Big East game for the brothers and significant others to attend and then to meet up for refreshments and reminiscing. Also, I was on the planning committee for the 50 year celebration of Phi Psi at Butler.

Since graduating, what kind of work have you done?

I retired in 2018. After graduating from Butler, I went to law school and graduated from Indiana University, McKinney School of Law. I worked for nearly forty-two years in the title insurance business as an underwriter. For 20 years I managed the Indiana National Commercial Services office for First American Title Insurance Company.

Would you like to be featured in a future issue of The Daily Dawg? Or do you know someone who has had a memorable career or life since graduation?

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Zeta Alumni Group

Save the Dates

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023

Symphony on the Prairie @ Conner Prairie

Mark your calendars now and plan to join brothers and guests at Conner Prairie on Saturday, July 29 at 8 p.m. to enjoy the music of Elton John and Billy Joel performed by tribute band, Face2Face.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

Butler Homecoming

Join us for an open house hosted by the chapter. More details will be available as the date draws near, but make sure you put the date on your calendar now.

Additional information and events will be posted on the chapter's website as they become available.

Check butlerphipsi.org/events for all upcoming alumni events.

