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House Receives Significant Enhancements

By: Devin Stone - 0652

Major improvements to the house began in the 2015-2016 school year with an extensive kitchen remodel. The poor condition of the previous kitchen made it difficult to use. Thanks to long hours of planning by **Justin Neff - 0613** and the Alumni Volunteer Corporation (AVC) as well as generous donations from alumni, the kitchen remodel was a success! The active chapter contributed as well, teaming up to paint the new kitchen themselves. The new and improved kitchen offers expanded cabinets, providing space for food, snacks and cooking utensils. The active brothers absolutely enjoy the kitchen and thank all who contributed or provided support for the remodel.

In the spring of 2015, a new LG washer and dryer were installed in the house. This replaced an existing washer and dryer which were failing. The LG brand is well-known for its effectiveness in saving energy. This new system will reduce the carbon footprint of the house over the coming years.

The house is constantly in need of repairs and upgrades, which is why the chapter is looking to build a new house at some point in the future. In the meantime, the current house needs stay in the best possible shape for the safety and comfort of active brothers. To keep the house in favorable condition, the actives and the AVC outlined goals and projects to complete within the next year.

The first project is to continue remodeling the academic wing, previously used as sleeping quarters, which currently consists of donated tables, desks and chairs from the old location of the Indiana Tech McMillen Library. After the library moved to the newly erected Academic Center, the old



The newly remolded kitchen contains ample room for brothers to store their belongings.

furniture was graciously donated by the school. The active chapter made great use of the donated furniture by compiling all desks, tables and chairs on the third floor wing, creating a new study space.

This new setting greatly improved the study habits of the chapter by offering a large, quiet environment for brothers and invited guests to study. Aside from academia, Member Development made great use of the space by hosting Sigma, Phi and Epsilon challenge courses in the new academic wing.

The chapter would like to improve the academic wing by adding a large dry-erase board. The board will be useful for studying, projects, courses and more. Additionally, the chapter plans to add a computer lab with accessible color printing for all brothers. Overall, the wing represents the dedication brothers have to be men with a Sound Mind. With the addition of the new academic wing, brothers are keeping up with their academics, as well as offering tutoring or assistance to friends and

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Funds raised during the *Believe in Indiana Eta* campaign will be used to prepare undergraduate brothers for a bright academic future without the burden of higher educational costs. Funds contributed during this campaign will:

- Foster attendance for leadership conferences, including the Carlson Leadership Academy and other SigEp Leadership Continuum events such as Ruck, Quest to Greece, Conclave, EDGE and the Phil Cox Volunteer Institute.
- Contribute to the Chapter Balanced Man Scholarship/Robert Swindell Balanced Man Scholarship.
- Improve alumni events which provide alumni a chance to mentor our younger undergraduate brothers as well as re-connect with other alumni.

Donate today, while you are thinking about it by visiting alumni.indiana-eta.org and clicking "Support the Campaign."

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Indiana Eta Leads in the Formation of Two New Sports

By: **Tyler Stillely - 0669**

Over the past year, Indiana Tech welcomed two new sports to campus. Ultimate, a popular, non-contact team sport played with a flying disc and League of Legends, a team style online multiplayer game.

Thanks to Indiana Eta's hard work, Indiana Tech now recognizes Ultimate and League of Legends as sports. Brother **Tyler Stillely - 0669** is involved with both teams. "Part of being a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon means you are a leader," said Stillely. "A few brothers and I emerged as leaders by starting and running the teams. I am extremely proud of our accomplishments."

When the Indiana Tech Ultimate Frisbee team started, Stillely and three other brothers were on the team. Brother **Michael Levdaahl - 0644**, captain of the team, was in charge of running practice and managing until Brothers **Chris 'Chico' Brown - 0536** and **Caleb Bertsch - 0607** began coaching. Without Levdaahl, Brown and Bertsch's leadership, the team would not have been successful.

"The Ultimate Frisbee team provided me with an opportunity to meet Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers and ultimately join the fraternity," said Stillely. "I was unsure about joining the Greek system but meeting brothers on the team showed me how awesome Sigma Phi Epsilon is. As soon as I received my bid, I quickly accepted."

Brothers **Justin Kern - 0626** and **Justin Neff - 0613** started the Indiana Tech League of Legends Club teams. Brothers of Indiana Eta are very involved in the league in which Kern and Neff are coaches and organizers of all three teams. Brothers **Nathan Kirk - 0648**, **Geordan Lane - 0653** and Stillely lead the league as captains by managing the teams, accounting for attendance at practice and providing direction during games.



Ultimate Frisbee is quickly gaining popularity on the Indiana Tech campus.



League of Legends, recognized as being an eSport, is a team-style online game allowing college teams to compete against each other.

Participating in sports gives brothers a chance to strengthen the bond of brotherhood. "Hanging out with my brothers and becoming better friends is so much fun," said Stillely. "It's great to know I can trust everyone to do their part to make the teams successful."

Brothers of Indiana Eta are making a huge impact on campus with the success of Ultimate and League of Legends. The acceptance and popularity of these new sports proves our brothers are at the forefront of shaping the future at Indiana Tech.

Welcoming Indiana Eta's New Additions



Tommy Le - 0509, **Carrie Le**, and **Jet Le** welcomed **Hawk Viet Le** on February 2, 2015, weighing 8lbs 2oz and measuring 19.5 inches long.



Jason Whitney - 0540 and **Rose Samples** welcomed **Jaxen Scott Whitney** on December 16, 2014, weighing 6lbs 13oz and measuring 20.5 inches long. They also welcomed **Ella Rose Whitney** on February 16, 2016, weighing 6lbs 5oz and measuring 18 inches long.



Jeremy Hess - 0504 and **Jennifer Hess** welcomed **Jameson Edwin Hess** on December 2, 2015, weighing 8lbs 3oz and measuring 21 inches long.

Reflections from Conclave

By: **Nathan Kirk - 0648**

As soon as I became a member of Indiana Eta, I knew I wanted to attend leadership training events. After attending the Carlson Leadership Academy and EDGE, Conclave was next on the list. It is the largest gathering of SigEps in the country and an opportunity to meet brothers from other chapters. Being president at the time, I wanted to learn as much as I could and use that knowledge to help our chapter.

In preparation for Conclave, I applied for an alumni scholarship as well as the Brandon Haines scholarship. If awarded, these two scholarships would completely pay for the trip. The night of Indiana Eta's annual Sweetheart Ball, **Brandon Haines - 0431** recognized me as the recipient of his scholarship. I was honored and knew I was about to embark on the experience of a lifetime.

After a long summer, the day finally arrived for my departure. My trip to Nashville with **Brandon Stolte - 0608** and Brandon Haines was an experience in itself. After arriving, we began selecting which sessions to attend.



Indiana Eta brothers gather in August 2015 for the 54th Grand Chapter Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee.

Because each session was so informative, this wound up being one of the most challenging parts about Conclave. In the end, we decided to split up and attend as many sessions as possible so we could maximize the amount of information we could learn. A few nights, we stayed up late discussing how we could improve our chapter. It was wonderful to capitalize on the excitement and share positive experiences with each other.

Participating in the Epsilon Rite of Passage ritual was a highlight of the weekend. Another highlight was attending the Alumni Awards dinner where the Order of the Golden Heart

was conferred. It was astonishing to see the amount of time and work each recipient put in over the years. Watching over 1,400 brothers cheer as brothers received the highest award was indescribable.

Every brother should have the opportunity to attend Conclave. Seeing the passion on brothers' faces made the trip worth every moment. It was certainly the best SigEp experience of my life.

Thank you to the brothers who fund the alumni scholarship and specifically to Brandon Haines who has been a mentor to me.

House Enhancements

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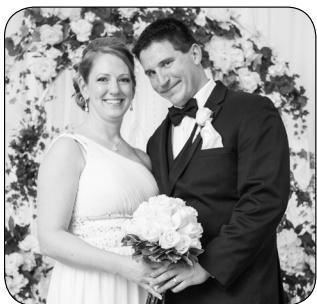
classmates.

After upgrades to the academic wing are complete, focus will shift to the illuminated Heart which shines brightly in the second floor window facing Washington Blvd. The Heart has an older circuit design requiring brothers to replace light bulbs every week. The chapter would like to rewire the Heart and

figure out a way to convert the bulb lighting to LED lighting. This conversion would conserve energy as well as lower costs since LEDs require less energy than typical light bulbs. The Heart is old, and quite fragile, but with help from alumni, this project could be completed over the next year.

The remodel would be impossible without the gracious time, effort and donations made by alumni.

Indiana Eta Weddings



Kris DelBarba - 0521 and Camie Dove on March 21, 2015



Sam Ferree - 0568 and Tosha Golaszewski on July 18, 2015



John Leckie - 0326 and April Cleland Schwering on May 2, 2015



Matthew Minke - 0552 and Heather Hume on May 9, 2015

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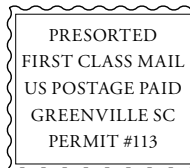
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Make plans now to attend Sweetheart Ball!

The annual Sweetheart Ball will be held the weekend of April 15-16, 2016. Please mark your calendars and join us for a weekend complete with refreshments, dancing and camaraderie.

Agenda

Friday, April 15

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. - Open House [House]

Saturday, April 16

10:30 a.m. - Corporation Meeting [Andorfer]

After - Cookout/Meet up [House]

2:00 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee [Campus]

5:30 p.m. - Midnight - Dining and Dancing
[Holiday Inn, 411 Paul Shaffer Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46825]

Cost

\$40 - Single RSVP

\$75 - Double RSVP

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Free - Marshall's Men (Single)

Free - Swindell Society (Single or +1)

Accommodations

Brothers are staying at the Holiday Inn located at 411 Paul Shaffer Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. To reserve a room, please contact them directly at 260.482.3800.

Please RSVP for the Sweetheart Ball by Sunday, April 10, 2016. To RSVP, visit *2016shb.eventbrite.com*. A small fee will be added to online RSVPs.

If you wish to RSVP via mail, please send your RSVP and a check made payable to Sigma Phi Epsilon Indiana Eta to SigEp-IN Eta c/o SHB Chair, 1529 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne IN, 46803.

If you are interested in participating in this year's silent auction, please contact **Christopher Newman - 0663** at 219.614.7157 or *vpprogramm.speinh@gmail.com*.

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