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## The *Return to Dominance* Campaign to End July 31 *Last Chance to Add Your Name to the Contributors List*

The *Return to Dominance* campaign is drawing to a close. We have raised \$4,033,867 toward our fundraising goal. Due to the support of numerous alumni, parents, and friends, some major renovations have been completed and the result is spectacular. No doubt that our renovations have made a huge impact on recruitment. This fall the Chapter had a very strong recruitment with 100% retention. And our Beta Mu brotherhood is strong; they support each other and encourage each other to be better men.

As I look back over the past three years as Beta Mu's capital campaign chairman, I have been not only impressed but inspired by the tireless work of our House Corporation and campaign board. Coupled with that was the dedication and financial support of our alumni and undergraduates to secure a sound and safe Fraternity House for members to live in during their college years. Truly, without the loyal support of our members who contributed dollars early on, the renovations we've done wouldn't be possible. So, to the 245 of our membership that has already contributed or pledged to the capital campaign, I extend a hearty thank-you!

### *Though Major Renovations Complete, We Need to Finish Campaign Strong*

A major accomplishment was achieved over the last couple of years thanks to your contributions. While we surely have a very nice Chapter House that allows us to compete at Purdue, we want to ensure the Chapter maintains its success with the overall facility. We cannot maintain our home if we do not have the finances in place to carry day-to-day operating costs and provide for our active Chapter.

### *Your Support Still Necessary for Remaining Critical Projects*

Pledges are still needed to cover the entire project cost and to finish our remaining projects. For those of you who have given generously, you have made our success possible. If you are able, please consider extending that pledge another year or making an additional contribution. For those of you who have not given, we appreciate any amount you feel you can give toward this important project. Every dollar counts to help us reach our fundraising goal of \$5 million.

### *Matching Gift Challenge Still in Play— Deadline Fast Approaching*

Our anonymous donor has agreed to extend his matching gift challenge to ensure others can participate. What a great opportunity! We've seen great success with this matching gift challenge, as more than 60 brothers have pledged \$75,638 toward this match. The campaign is ending July 31, 2017. Time is almost up in helping out with this campaign and this challenge. All donors pledging at least \$5,000 by July 31 will see their names on a prominent plaque displayed in the Chapter House. Remember, we have a five-year pledge program to stretch your gift to its full potential, and you



*Harry McSteen '20 captured this image of the Beta Mu Chapter House under a sky of delicate shades of light pink and blue.*

can make your gift tax-deductible through the Beta Theta Pi Foundation. Many of our brothers have used this program to make a larger gift. Use the pledge form enclosed to make your pledge today.

Your support makes a big difference and I thank you. Please come to the Chapter House this fall to see your dollars at work and to celebrate our success.

Yours in \_kai\_,  
**Cary Wood '89**  
Campaign Chairman  
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# THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS AND FRIENDS!

## Join the Campaign with a Pledge Today—Time Is Running Out

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers and friends for their dedication to the *Return to Dominance* campaign. These alumni recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Beta Mu Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our campaign 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 the renovated Chapter House. If an error has been made in recording the amount of your gift or your name has been omitted, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 if any edits need to be made. Join your brothers on this list by using the enclosed pledge form and envelope and make your pledge today. *Thank you for your support!*

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(\$1,000,000 and above)  
Bruce White '75

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(\$500,000 to \$999,999)  
Stephen D. Bechtel Jr. '46  
William Elmore '75

### KAI CIRCLE

(\$250,000 to \$499,999)  
John K. Merrell '50  
Andrew Stephens '79

### FOUNDERS CIRCLE

(\$100,000 to \$249,999)  
Michael Wells '75

### 150 LITTLETON CIRCLE

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)  
Terri Earnest '66  
Stephen Poe '77

### BETA CIRCLE

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)  
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R. Scott Hayes '68  
William W. Reid '70  
Chris Jeffries '73  
Larry Link '82  
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John A. Laurie '86  
Cary Wood '89  
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David Byrne '65  
Richard G. Stevens '66  
William R. Ellspermann '68  
Kevin Comer '71  
Gary W. Conkright '76  
Paul S. Petticrew '76  
In memory of  
C. Richard Petticrew '37  
George R. Cooper '78  
Rick Bond '79  
In memory of  
Greg Ramage '79  
Thomas H. Lupfer '79

William D. Moss '81  
Thomas Hoover '82  
Kent Whitaker '86  
John L. Kelliher '88  
Baco Benton '94  
Ryan L. Bradley '94  
John Tyrpin '94  
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Howard R. Meeker Jr. '48  
Jack W. Stine '49  
In memory of  
Robert W. Stine, *Tau*  
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Thomas R. Lugar '55  
Phillip G. Finney,  
D.V.M. '56

James B. Lester '56  
Philip E. Nelson '56  
Robert Bruner '57  
James Eibel '58  
In memory of  
Frederick Eibel '29  
Samuel C. Malsbary '58  
In memory of  
G. David Malsbary '63  
William Bumpas '59  
James E. Corliss '61  
William D. Shrack '61  
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Beta Mu Shracks  
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John E. Young '56  
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Vincent K. Jones III '63  
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John Walter '65  
Grant Martin '67  
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Len Holajter  
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Kathleen McManamy  
Heather Scott  
Barbara Swanson

Erin Ulan  
Keith and Marcia Ulan  
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Steve Dillon '67  
William F. Qualls '67  
William P. Johnson '71  
John D. Miller '82  
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John P. Sohn '51  
Donald M. Gwinnup '53  
Frederick R. Eibel '56  
James A. Wagner '56  
In memory of  
Chuck Bradford '55  
Robert Bradford Jr. '59  
James S. Crane '59  
Raymond W. Gass '59  
In memory of  
Thomas G. Adams '59  
Thomas F. Moran '59  
Philip Kuebbeler '60  
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Don Robertson '60  
Frederick H. Schwarz '60  
William W. Slemmons '60  
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Robert C. McLean '62  
Michael Brock '64  
Dean A. Wilson '64  
Joe C. Doan '66  
Grant H. Martin '67  
John E. Mitchell '67  
Richard Bond '68  
Jan Deemer '68  
R. Scott Hayes '68  
In honor of  
Grant Martin '67  
George L. Olp '68

### CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

As of April 6, 2017

**\$5 Million Goal**

**\$4,033,867 Total Commitments**

**245 Total Contributors**

David Van Dam, M.D. '69  
William A. Horton '70  
Tom Work '70  
Stephen H. Dexter '71  
Gary L. Prah, M.D. '71  
Richard A. Roski '71  
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In memory of  
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Bob Butsch '75  
Mike Steele '76  
Scott W. Walker '76  
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Robert Toth '81  
John Kestler '82  
Paul Smith '82  
Rich Wolfred '82  
Scott D. White '84  
Theodore Labus '86  
Dewey Martinelli '88  
Kelly Eads '89  
Kevin E. Mayer '91  
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James Lucas '10  
Joshua Ford '12  
In memory of  
Patrick Trainor and  
Scott Notary

# A MEMORIAL TO A FRIEND

## Davis "Dave" Shryer '47 Shares the Story of Beta Brother Ted Nordquist '47

**E**nrolling at Purdue as a freshman in September of 1940, I moved into a brand-new dorm building, Cary Hall West. Forming three-fourths of a quadrangle with East and South dorm wings, they were the main dorms for male students.

I was assigned a room and I slowly made acquaintance with some dorm floor companions. I did not notice **Ted Nordquist '47** until I went out for the freshman swimming team. Purdue only had one or two scholarship spots for swimming and diving. As the coach addressed his new candidates, he identified several by their high school or AAU performances. When he singled out Ted as a state medal winner in breaststroke and low board diving, I recognized Ted as someone from my dorm. We walked back to our rooms together and formed a strong friendship in the following weeks.

Ted was from Gary, Indiana, where he had attended and swum competitively for Horace Mann High School. Ted and I bonded, taught each other to drink five cent glasses of beer with 15 cent shots of cheap whiskey, and with **John Swenson '47**, another Cary Hall resident, we joined Beta Theta Pi in our second semester. Ted and John were engineering students and I was enrolled in the school of science.

The three of us moved into the Chapter House in September 1941, and were nursing post-initiation hangovers on Sunday, December 7,

when the attack on Pearl Harbor was announced. Everything changed at that moment and many students adopted a fatalistic attitude about their future. Ted and John roomed together and played a little too hard. They were on academic probation by spring 1942 and were required to move out of the Chapter House until their grades improved.

Both Ted and John buckled down in the summer session of 1942, and were back in the Chapter House by September. But as more and more Fraternity brothers and friends were called to service, and as Ted's grades started to slide, he and John both enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Before enlisting, Ted went home to Gary and married his high school sweetheart, Maxine Winsor.

I never saw John again, as his B-17 was shot down over Mannheim/Ludwigschafen in 1945. I knew through bits and pieces of news that Ted had survived being shot down twice in his P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter, and though suffering burns, completed more than 50 combat missions. I stayed in school until my ROTC class was called up in March of 1943.

I returned to Purdue in spring of 1946 with my wife of two years, Mary, and we moved into a rented duplex at 336 S. Chauncey St. There we shared our half of the duplex with Faye and Jackson O'Connell. Campus student housing was extremely tight as GI returners poured back to school on the GI Bill.



*Smiling at the camera at the 1946 Beta Mu winter formal is Ted's wife, Maxine Winsor Nordquist, who two months later became his widow. Across from Maxine, facing the camera, is Ted Nordquist '47, who would have earned his bachelor's of science in June had he lived. On Ted's right is William Strickland '48. On his right is Dave's spouse (later divorced), Mary Bowlby Shryer. Dave Shryer '49 is in uniform at the rear, because as he confesses, "my old tuxedo no longer fit." To Dave's right is Bill Mignin '49.*

I visited the Chapter House a few times to check on the status of returning classmates. Many were still unmarried and moved back into the house. From one of them I learned that Ted and Maxine lived in a trailer just around the corner from us. Our friendship was renewed and we shared meals, beer, and bridge games that summer of '46 and through the '46-'47 school year. We also went together occasionally to Purdue football and basketball games.

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### CONTRIBUTORS

*(Up to \$999)*

Frances Kerber

In memory of

Phil Kerber '54

Helen S. Tippet

In memory of

James Tippet '50

Edward K. Banker '47

In memory of

William Cline '45

Wayne Lundy '47

George Harmon '49

In memory of

Lee Harmon,

my Beta sweetheart

Robert B. Billman '52

Russell C. Stanley '53

In memory of

Howard R. Meeker '48

and C. Richard Stanley '50

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In memory of

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In honor of

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David Young '58

Jim Pierce '59

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Ralph R. Mason '60

John D. McDougale '60

Ronald Steenerson '60

Ronald Lockhart '62

Robert Lotz '62

Michal McClure '62

Richard H. Price '62

George Shortle '62

David E. Cox '63

Thomas Faulkner '63

Tom Gerber '63

In memory of

David Malsbary '63

George Raub '63

In memory of

G. David Malsbary '63

Phillip L. Zellers '64

In memory of

David Malsbary '63

Allen Anderson '65

Michael O'Neill '66

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William Keller '72

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R. Stephen Linegar '72

Fredric P. Machledt '72

Joe Rierden '72

Thomas Popcheff '73

Craig Fread '77

Charles Comiskey '78

Bruce Parkinson '78

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David P. Todd '82

Edward A. Fargo IV '83

Mark Peterson '83

Shay Jarrell '84

Brion Patt '85

Timothy S. Fox '86

Brian Black '88

Tim H. Dhillon '90

Darren Lueking '93

Dan Breier '94

Andrew C. Bauer '95

Ryan H. Kratz '95

David Nagel '95

Nicholas Clemens '01

Erik Henderson '01

Jeff Steurer '02

Michael J. Rusin '06

Matt Kraushar '07

Michael Burns '08

Barret Arthur '09

Michael J. Pfohl '11

In memory of

Eric S. Pfohl '71 and

Stormy Pfohl '50

Beau N. Pahud '12

Grant T. Hoover '14

Chris J. Trujillo '15

In honor of the

Purdue Class of '15

Graduates

## A MEMORIAL TO A FRIEND

*(Continued from page 3)*

Purdue football and basketball teams were no longer the powerhouses of the 1930s, but we were loyal, and on the night of February 20, 1947, Mary and I walked across campus to the Field House, where Purdue would play Wisconsin. If Purdue could win this game, and the one or two other games left on the schedule, they might share in the Big Ten title.

We sat in the student section of the gigantic wooden bleachers 60 rows high that the university had installed to accommodate postwar enrollment. The game was close and, I believe, Wisconsin led by just a point as the half ended. As fans started to rise to go outside and smoke or seek refreshment, our bleacher section collapsed and sank slowly to the ground! Mary's quick thinking made her raise her feet to avoid their being crushed. I did not, but was fortunate to have only a slight bruise on my right foot.

Once we ascertained that we were unhurt and no one around us appeared to need help, we looked for a way to safely exit the building. We found that despite much confusion, pain, and shock, the crowd sensed that an orderly exit process must take place. Miraculously it did. The basketball game obviously was over. Some of the players were helping injured spectators, and the PA system urged everyone to leave the building and let professional rescuers take over.

As we left through the chaotic crowds we encountered **Bob Senour '48**, who asked if we had seen Ted, who had exited a bit early for a smoke. The walk back to our house was in a daze of worry, confusion, and uncertainty. Our housemates, who had not gone to the game, were worried beyond belief until we showed up. We had been sitting for perhaps 15 minutes sipping bourbon when the doorbell rang. Their stood Bob grimacing with the news that Ted had been trapped under the falling bleachers and was badly injured. He was in Home Hospital across the city but not expected to live.

We immediately dashed across town by bus to Home Hospital to join Maxine and other family members of injured students and faculty. Despite prayers and hopes, Ted's injuries (four broken limbs and a crushed chest) were not survivable. He died the next morning. A few days later I joined with several Beta brothers as a pallbearer at his funeral. We stayed in contact with Maxine for several years, until she remarried and went to Africa as a missionary's spouse.

The cruel irony of Ted's surviving horrible wartime combat injuries only to die soon after the war, while attending a sports event, has never escaped me. I'll remember his friendship forever.

*Editor's Note: Dave Shryer graduated from Purdue in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He spent the majority of his career with the 3M Company in marketing and sales in industrial chemicals. He and Mary have since divorced. Dave and Margaret Kramer Shryer have been married for 49 years, and they live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

## Welcome, New Members

**Samuel Bondi '19**  
*West Lafayette, Ind.*

**Harry McSteen '20**  
*Channahon, Ill.*

**Parker Casper '20**  
*Carmel, Ind.*

**Josh Meiners '20**  
*Carmel, Ind.*

**Preston Casper '20**  
*Carmel, Ind.*

**Daniel Meulbroek '19**  
*Fishers, Ind.*

**Alec Chapman '20**  
*Noblesville, Ind.*

**Colin O'Connor '20**  
*Avon, Ind.*

**Jonathan Dean '20**  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

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*Fishers, Ind.*

**Max Eibel '20**  
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*Galena, Ohio*

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*Fishers, Ind.*

**Nolan Tighe '20**  
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**Matt Hoskins '20**  
*Indianapolis, Ind.*

**Grant Vasquez '20**  
*West Lafayette, Ind.*

**Aditya Jariwala '20**  
*Fishers, Ind.*

**Harrison Yardley '20**  
*Sag Harbor, N.Y.*

**Brandon Kent '19**  
*Winfield, Ill.*

**Harrison York '20**  
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*The Beta Mu brothers pose in their holiday best for a Christmas card.*



## Beta Mu Continues to Thrive

*Undergraduate Brothers Academically Ranked in the Top Five Among Fraternities at Purdue*

Beta Mu is a driving force on Purdue's campus. In every event or activity, we are innovating the way the Greek system is perceived and conducts itself. We are extremely proud of our connection with the university officials. We have consistently held a transparent and cooperative relationship with all of the organizations on campus.

### *Academic Success*

Purdue remains an academically challenging environment and we strive every day to uphold our values and the cultivation of our intellect. Since our return to campus, we have remained in the top five of the academic ranking of the 40-plus fraternities on campus. Our new member education has a strong academic expectation and we are giving our brothers the best opportunities to perform well in the classroom.

### *Philanthropic Pursuits*

As we work to establish an impressive philanthropic record, we are also leaving a mark on the larger campus community. Just this semester, we have completed two philanthropic events already. Our first was a car smash. We

teamed up with Purdue Athletics and hosted the event outside of a basketball game. The athletics department promoted our event with our name on it to every Boilermaker on campus. We raised roughly \$2,000. Those funds were donated to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research. Our second event supported the Make-A-Wish Foundation. We hosted a tricycle race around the parking lot and raised \$400.

### *Recruiting Top Men*

We have created a new design for our member education and we are only recruiting one pledge class per year. Recruitment will be held in the fall with the goal of recruiting 35 new members each semester. This will provide an organized routine that will provide sustainability for the house in the future.

### *Strong in Intramurals*

We are competing in every sport possible with excellence and our eyes on the championship. Our basketball, soccer, and ultimate frisbee teams are looking especially strong this semester.

Beta Mu is extremely grateful for all of your



*Cameron Murray '19, Griffin Hoover '18, Shea Solmos '19 and their dates at the Beta Prairie Rose Formal in Louisville, Ky.*



*Grant Vasquez '20, Nish Banka '19, Dan Seach '18, and Griffin Hoover '18.*



support and work. We are determined to bring Beta Theta Pi's name the utmost respect and honor in all of our endeavors on campus. Our house holds five of the 20 positions available on Interfraternity Council. This is a testament to the strength and quality of men we hold in our organization. It is with your generosity and labor that we can continue to excel in Beta's name.

Yours in \_kai\_,  
**Cameron Patrick Murray '19**  
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## Memory and Our Mystic Shrine

**James Righter '58** entered Our Mystic Shrine on November 6, 2016. He was born October 29, 1936, in Chicago, Ill. Jim graduated from Danville High School with academic honors, and was a star tennis and basketball player. At Purdue he received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Jim then continued his education at the Indiana University School of Business, receiving his MBA in 1960. His professional career was in construction, as he had his own mechanical construction firm for 12 years. He was a long-time member of Traders Point Hunt, serving on their Board of Governors, as well as serving on the Indianapolis Board of Heating and Cooling Examiners. Jim was exceedingly kind, loyal, and devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia Righter; his two daughters, Laura Burgener (Scott) and Cindy Lamberjack; three grandsons, Joe and Ben Lamberjack and David Burgener; his sister, Mary Hallmark; his brothers-in-law, Mike Hurley (Claudia), Sam Hurley (Jane), and Gordon Modrall; his sister-in-law, Billy Ann Burch; as well as remarkable cousins, nieces and nephews.

**David Byrne '65** entered Our Mystic Shrine on November 4, 2016, after a hard-fought battle with an acute illness. He is survived by many loved ones, none more so than his wife of 49 years, Ellen. David was born on December 7, 1942, in Hammond, Ind. He is the son of Thalia and Johnny Byrne and the older brother to Bruce Byrne. David went to Morton High School, class of 1961. At Purdue, David served as Beta Mu Chapter President, Editor in Chief of the *Exponent*, sports editor and broadcaster, and was a member of many councils and societies. David served in Vietnam in the Signal Corps where he was awarded a bronze star. After returning home, David continued his work at Inland Steel and earned his law degree from John Marshall. He spent his entire career at Inland, retiring as the Senior Director of Human Resources. While David was at Inland, he remained active in the community and served as president of the Lake Area United Way. David also participated in other activities, including Junior Achievement, advisor to the Munster Town board, working with Purdue athletics, and was very passionate about Beta. He served many years on the house board, as well as being a District Chief, and was at Homecoming with his classmates just about every year. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling, gardening, and woodworking. David is survived by many loved ones, including his wonderful wife, Ellen Byrne; his two children, Julie (Matt) Tiedgen and Dan (Danielle) Byrne; His brother, Bruce (Barbara) Byrne; and four grandchildren: Devin, Jocelyn, Emma, and Nora. He is now joining those many he cared for and loved that preceded him in death, including Thalia and Johnny, Vickie and Danny, and his grandson, Will.

## Have News You Want to Share?

We would love to hear from you and share your news with your brothers. It's easy to submit your alumni news. Visit [purduebeta.com/alumni/alumni-news/](http://purduebeta.com/alumni/alumni-news/) or send your news to our P.O. Box at Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, Purdue University, P.O. Box 442100, Lawrence, KS 66044-2100. We look forward to hearing from you!

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*This newsletter is intended for Beta Theta Pi alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Purdue University, he will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.*