

# From the Heart

## Alumni Newsletter

Purdue University - Indiana Alpha

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# Indiana Alpha Alum Completes Hubble Space Mission

Dr. Andrew “Drew” Feustel, B.S. ‘89, M.S. ‘91, served on the crew of STS-125, the final Space Shuttle mission to the Hubble Space Telescope, from May 11-24, 2009. The mission successfully extended and improved the observatory’s capabilities through 2014. In completing his first space mission, Drew logged almost 13 days in space and a total of 20 hours and 58 minutes in actual spacewalks. A NASA bio on Drew can be seen on page 4. **Welcome back Brother Feustel!**



Space Shuttle Atlantis blasts off on May 11, 2009.



Members of the STS-125 space shuttle Atlantis crew shown in a undated NASA photo. The crew launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Brother Feustel is on the far right with his other mission specialists.



Brother Feustel is shown in these three photos repairing the Hubble Telescope during his spacewalks.



Photos courtesy of Reuters/NASA, AP photo/NASA TV, and AFP/NASA Video.

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# Alumni Golf Outing set for Notre Dame Weekend

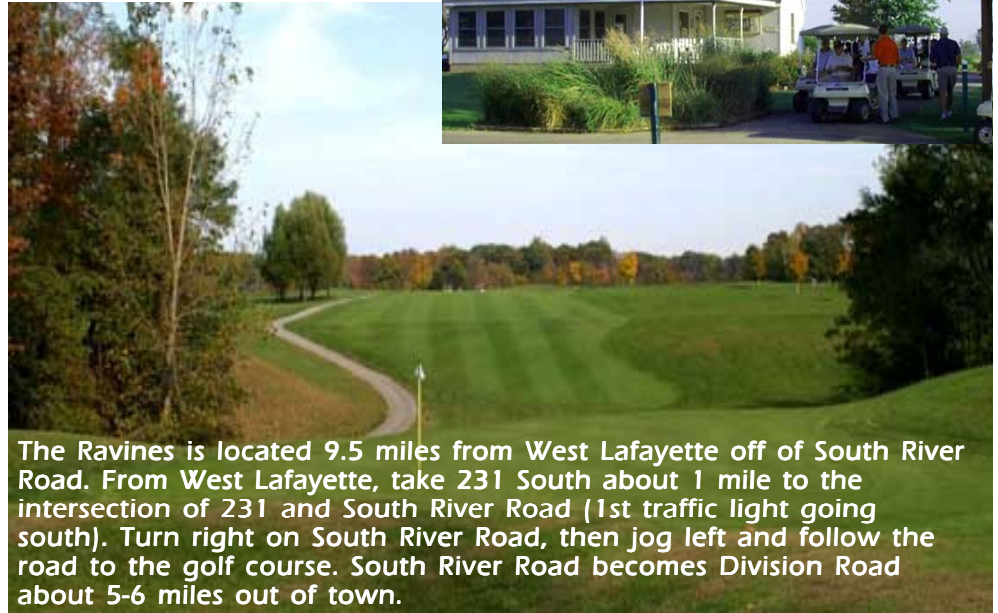
Mark your calendar and roundup your old roommates for the annual Sig Ep Alumni Golf Outing on **Saturday, September 26, 2009.**

Tee times will begin at 12 pm for the outing at the Ravines Golf Course, West Lafayette. After your 18 holes of golf, a cookout for family and friends will be held back at the Chapter House at 6:30 pm. A registration form is enclosed and must accompany your payment of \$60 per person. Fees include 18 holes of golf, alumni gift and dinner before the 8 pm game against in-state rival Notre Dame.

**Registration is due by September 11 with payment.**

### ***Game Tickets***

If you are looking for tickets to the Purdue/Notre Dame game, call the Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-49-SPORT. Tickets are available for a limited time!



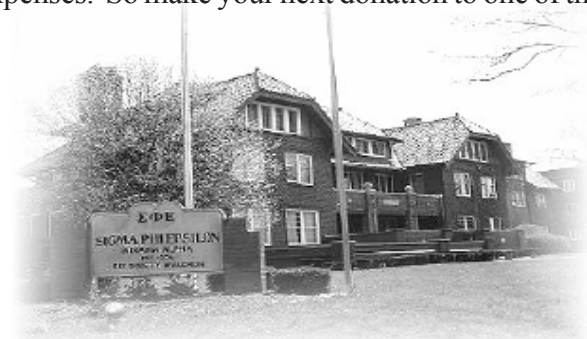
The Ravines is located 9.5 miles from West Lafayette off of South River Road. From West Lafayette, take 231 South about 1 mile to the intersection of 231 and South River Road (1st traffic light going south). Turn right on South River Road, then jog left and follow the road to the golf course. South River Road becomes Division Road about 5-6 miles out of town.

## Earmark your national gift to Indiana Alpha's existing scholarship endowments.

Indiana Alpha alumni have a rich history in giving financially to ΣΦΕ's National Educational Foundation. Each year, the Foundation's Annual Report states that Indiana Alpha alumni are tops in giving back to our fraternity.

Your tax-deductible gifts over the years have gone directly to the general fund for educational purposes at the national fraternity. To benefit our local Chapter, gifts can be designated to existing Indiana Alpha scholarship funds to be awarded to our undergraduates at Purdue through the ΣΦΕ Educational Foundation. Your designated gift will then assist our brothers at Purdue to offset their educational expenses. So make your next donation to one of the following Indiana Alpha's funds:

- Karl Kettlehut Memorial Endowment
- Karl Kettlehut Fund
- George Selke Fund
- David S. Clarke Fund
- Thomas Nelson Memorial Fund
- Norm Nabhan Fund—Balanced Man Scholarship Program



# Alumni News

**C.K. Davidson, '69**, says life is good in Park City, Utah. Kelly enjoys mountain biking in the summer and skiing in the winter.

**Ben Miller, '01**, married Nicole Sewall in February 2009, in Mexico. Ben and his wife live in Philadelphia. Ben can be reached at [ben9miller@comcast.net](mailto:ben9miller@comcast.net).

**Glade Montgomery, '83**, has accepted a new position with Lafayette School Corporation as Chief Academic Officer. Glade was recently the principal at Lafayette Jeff for three years. He is currently working on his Ph.D. at Purdue.

**Jack Skillman, '48**, is doing well and still has lunch weekly with some SigEp brothers in Indianapolis.

**Brooke Steele, '92**, was promoted to Regional Vice President in 2008. He moved to Savannah, Georgia to establish a new office for Pyramid Masonry Contractors.

**John Weir, '01**, has left the SigEp national office after eight years of service. Upon his departure, he was the Managing Director of the National Housing Corporation. In July, '09, John moved back to Chicago to begin work at Kelso-Burnett Co. Thanks John for all you have done for SigEp!

## Featured Alumni

### Andrew J. Feustel, Ph.D. - B.S. '89, M.S. '91



Drew was raised and educated in Lake Orion, Michigan. He graduated from Lake Orion High School and earned an Associate Science degree from Oakland Community College in Michigan. While at Purdue, he earned a B.S. in Solid Earth Sciences and a M.S. in Geophysics. Drew served three years as Grand Prix Chairman for SigEp and was the Kart driver for the Chapter. He also served two years as a Residence Hall Counselor at Cary Quad.

After Purdue, Drew obtained his Ph.D. in 1995 in Geological Sciences specializing in Seismology at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. There he met his wife and married the former Indira Devi Bhatnagar of Ontario, Canada. Drew's Ph.D. thesis investigated seismic wave attenuation in underground mines and measurement techniques and applications to site characterization. For three years he worked as a Geophysicist for the Engineering Seismology Group, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, installing and operating microseismic monitoring equipment in underground mines throughout Eastern Canada and the United States.

In 1997, Drew began working for the Exxon Mobile Exploration Company in Houston, Texas as an Exploration Geophysicist designing and providing operational oversight of land, marine, and borehole seismic programs worldwide. Selected as a Mission Specialist by NASA in July 2000, Drew reported for training in August 2000. Following his two years of training, he was assigned technical duties in the Astronaut Office Space Shuttle and Space Station Branches. In 2007, he was assigned to the Hubble Mission.

Drew enjoys many hobbies including auto restoration. While attending Oakland Community College, he worked as an auto mechanic at International Autoworks, Ltd. in Farmington Hills, Michigan, restoring 1950's Jaguars. Drew also enjoys playing the guitar and water and snow skiing.

## Deceased Brothers

These brothers, to whom we bid farewell, bound their hearts with the hearts of their brothers in the ties of fraternal love. The unity of brotherly love draws us to console those among us who knew them well, remembering we are admonished to "Be kindly affectionate, one to another, with brotherly love." For those we have truly loved never leave us, they live on forever deep within our heart.

**Mark Amos '98**

**Rolland Butler '45**

**William Yeoman '39**

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# Chapter News

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Hello, I'm Matthew Sloneker. I would first like to share a little about myself. I am a senior in Mechanical Engineering and a member of the Cooperative Education program for Mechanical Engineering. I have five internships that vary throughout my five-year career here at Purdue. All of my internships take place at GE Aircraft Engines located in Cincinnati. I plan on entering one of GE's Leadership programs in January after my graduation this December. I ran for president because SigEp has been the best decision of my life. The lifelong friendships and connections I have made would not have happened without my involvement in this fraternity. I feel this is a great way to give back to my fraternity that has given me so much.

2009 started off with Indiana Alpha winning *Big Man On Campus*. On February 27, Zeta Tau Alpha held their annual philanthropy for Susan G. Komen breast cancer research. Whether it was a skip-a-meal, making a sheet sign covering one entire side of our house, or getting family and friends involved with raising money, SigEp was there. After weeks of hard work and preparation, Brother Jason Williams, a Sophomore in the school of Management, was awarded the title of *Big Man On Campus* out of 27 contestants. The philanthropy collected a total of \$108,000, one of the largest single dollar amounts for a Greek philanthropy on campus!

Indiana Alpha hosted our second annual volleyball philanthropy. We teamed up with Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity to host ten sororities in a sand volleyball tournament in our front yard. The event raised money for testicular cancer.

Brothers that are making a difference on campus are: Tommy Thiel, a Junior in Communication, and Tim Grosso, a Junior in Management, are new members of Gimlet; Curt Gendron, a Junior in Management and Tim Grosso were initiated into Order of Omega; and KC Sands, a Junior in Management, was elected president of College Mentors for Kids. Finally, the brothers enjoyed our spring formal in Chicago. The house chartered the Anita-Dee II for a great evening on Lake Michigan of dinner and dancing. I invite you all back this fall to the Alumni Golf Outing and Homecoming. I look forward to seeing you then.

## 2009 Chapter E-Board

President.....Matt Sloneker  
*Engineering, Cincinnati, OH*

VP Programming.....Jeff Munger  
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*Communication, Indianapolis, IN*

Chaplain.....Joe Miller  
*Engineering, Portage, IN*

## AVC Board

(Alumni Volunteer Corporation)

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Secretary.....Jay Bilunas '99

VP Finance.....Jon Greenberg '04

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VP Development.....Wally Brant '71

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Website.....Dr. Brian Morris '97

Chapter Counselor.....Dick Blum '65

Faculty Advisor.....Tim Downing '90

Facility Manager.....Ralph Morehouse

Parents Club Reps.....Debbie Milakis  
and Mary Williams

# SigEp

## 2009 Homecoming vs. Northwestern on October 3!

Homecoming 2009 will welcome home the 25th and 50th reunion classes from 1984 and 1959 respectively to the Sig Ep Lodge on Saturday, October 3. Game time is 12 noon (EST) against the Northwestern Wildcats. Brunch for alumni and their families begins at 10:00 am. Plan now to attend and reminisce with alumni and see the changes to the house. The Red Doors await you! To RSVP your visit, contact undergraduate Zac Milakis at [zmilakis@purdue.edu](mailto:zmilakis@purdue.edu) or alumni David Huhnke at [dhuhnke@lsbank.com](mailto:dhuhnke@lsbank.com). See you at Homecoming!





# Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, September 26, 2009

Ravine's Golf Course

Tee Time - 12:00 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$60/Alumni **or** \$40/Undergrad

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

# of Golfers

Alumni Px

Undergrad Px

Total Enclosed

*(Fee includes: outing fees, post-golf cookout before the game and door prizes!)*

Names in your Foursome:

Please Circle

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni or Undergrad

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni or Undergrad

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni or Undergrad

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni or Undergrad

Registration and payment are due by **September 11, 2009**. If you have any questions, please contact David Huhnke, (765) 448-4807 or by email at [dhuhnke@lsbank.com](mailto:dhuhnke@lsbank.com). Send this form (only one form needed for each foursome), along with payment, to:

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**P.O. Box 6163**

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Make checks payable to **Sigma Phi Epsilon!** You will not be officially registered until proper payment is received.