

# Cyclone Phi Psi

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## 15 January 2018 Initiates; Fall GPA Ranked 3rd of 31

### New Initiates



Last summer's recruitment chairs, Jonny Williams and Carson Feldman, as well as our yearlong recruitment chair, Alex Lev, found a great group of men to join Phi Psi last fall. Under the watchful tutelage of fraternity educators Chris Peterson and Blake Singbush, the class developed nicely and will make a great addition to the chapter. Fifteen men, shown above, were initiated January 13, 2018.

Front Row, L-R: Michael Patrick Stone 1569, Crystal Lake, IL; Keegan Drew Lass 1577, DeWitt, IA; Yusef Husam Ghannam 1574, Omaha, NE; Trey Eldon Clifton 1579, Marion, IA; Jake Mark Nielsen 1571, Lakeville, MN; Luke Daniels Simons 1573, Arlington Heights, IL; and Matthew Donald Oberreuter 1565, Adel, IA.

Back Row, L-R: Ryan Kirk Modlin 1578, Pleasant Hill, IA; Carter Thomas Youngblood 1575, Waukee, IA; Kyle Lee Goodell 1566, Marion, IA; Eric Jeffrey Bert 1572, Bettendorf, IA; Ethan James Froststad 1568, Lees Summit, MO; Joel David Schillinger 1570, Cedar Rapids, IA; Scott Cole Laubengayer 1567, Robins, IA; and Nick Allen Roose 1576, Waukee, IA.

If you know of any incoming students with high academics and solid character, please notify one of our recruitment chairmen for next summer: Jackson Scholten, **641-204-1098**, [jacksonr@iastate.edu](mailto:jacksonr@iastate.edu), and Jacob Heen, **515-494-5186**, [jkheen@iastate.edu](mailto:jkheen@iastate.edu).

### Academics

The chapter GPA for fall semester was 3.24, tying us for third out of 31 IFC fraternities. We had 30 men with a 3.5 or above, and six of those had a perfect 4.00 — Trey Clifton, Pat Karys, Kyle Lathrop, Cody Pearson, Jackson Scholten, and Alex Short.

### Serenades

The fall 2017 semester got off to a great start with Phi Psi's yearly participation in serenades. The men of Phi Kappa Psi performed their routine for many of the sororities, including Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Tri Delta, and Alpha Delta Pi.

### Philanthropy



L-R: Jacob Heen, Cody West, and Keegan Lass manning their station at the Phi Psi Tie Dye.

Our fall philanthropy was definitely one to remember, thanks to the great work done by Philanthropy chair James Caldwell. The unique event, "Phi Psi Tie-Dye," benefited our national philanthropic partner, the Boys and Girls Club of America. The Boys and Girls Club is an awesome organization that provides children in need with resources and fun opportunities. They have locations nationwide, as well as here in Ames. In total, the event raised \$2,278, and 150 tie-dyed T-shirts were donated to children in need.

### Homecoming



Our 2017 Homecoming display on central campus.

Homecoming was an absolute blast. We were paired with the women of Delta Zeta and Phi Beta Chi, and the men of Phi Kappa Tau. Together, we placed second in Yell Like Hell and also won best choreography. This was a huge accomplishment for us, as we had not placed in the top three of Yell Like Hell since re-chartering.



Several Alumni attended Homecoming. Front, L-R: Ben Reuter '12-1432, Sean Determan '11-1413, Andrew Allard '10-1390, Benny Rohloff '11-1411, and Bill Good '69-864. Back row: Jake Oswald '12-1425, Eric Lathrop '11-1409, and Brett Byriel '11-1400.

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**Getting painted for YLH (L-R) Matthew Oberreuter, Matt Hodges, Eric Bert, and Michael Stone.**

### Family Weekend

In October, we held our annual Family Weekend, to which all of our members invite their parents, siblings, grandparents, etc., to a Saturday luncheon and tour of the chapter house. Parents were encouraged to bring desserts to die for, and they did not disappoint! Many parents also brought gift baskets for our annual silent auction, a Parents Association fundraiser to buy "extras" for the chapter. It's always fun to be able to tell our story — that not all fraternities are like the ones that make the headlines — to parents who may still be skeptical about what their sons have gotten into.

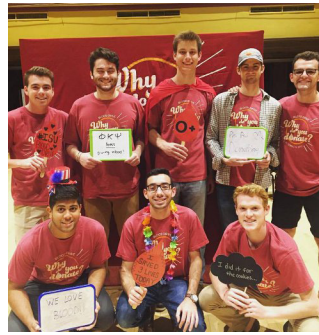
### Monday Dinner Guests



**Among fall term's dinner guests was brother David McDonald, Mystagogue of the national fraternity. He had previously visited Iowa Beta as the keynote speaker for our Centennial banquet in 2013.**

By 5:30 on a Monday night, most college students are ready for dinner and bed, but not us! Thanks to the wonderful work done by Lindy Good, Monday nights are always something to look forward to. On most Monday nights, Phi Psi hosts a dinner guest. Guests range from ISU faculty members, to members of the community, to Phi Psi alumni. This semester we were honored to host: Mike Draper, proprietor of the offbeat Des Moines T-shirt shop, Raygun; Michael Bootsma, ISU Senior Accounting Lecturer who has been voted best professor on campus; Mark Rowe-Barth, ISU Director of Student Wellness; Sarah Rajala, ISU Dean of the College of Engineering; Michael Newton, ISU Chief of Police; Catherine Swoboda, former employee of the World Food Prize and an Instructor at ISU; the ISU Women's Basketball Team; Brother Jason Paull '07-1341, who works in data analytics for Wells Fargo, along with his wife, Emily, and daughter, Eleanor; and Brother David McDonald, WI Gamma '82, the Fraternity's Mystagogue (and keynote speaker for our chapter's Centennial banquet in 2013).

### Campus Activities and Honors



**Phi Psi leadership on the ISU Blood Drive. Front, L-R: Jacob Melookaran, Alex Lev, and Carson Feldman. Back: Ben Foxen, Michael Ciabatti, James Caldwell, Eric Friesth, and Charlie Erdman. Missing: Keegan Lass.**

Iowa Beta members frequently hold leadership positions both within the chapter and with a wide variety of campus organizations.

Alex Lev, Carson Feldman, Charlie Erdman, Eric Friesth, James Caldwell, Michael Ciabatti, Ben Foxen, Keegan Lass, and Jacob Melookaran all held positions on the ISU Blood Drive, which is one of the largest blood drives in the nation. Tyler Carlson, Will Franke, and Cody West were members of the Statesmen Choir. Alex Lev, Wyatt Glienke, Jacob Melookaran, Jace Myers, Killian Magee, and Ryan Greeley all held leadership positions for the ISU career fair as ambassadors, head ambassadors, or executive council members.

Kane Hassebrock and Jake Spangler won the 2017 Nathan & Lisa Kalaher Award for their architecture project, titled the Museum of Trade. The award is presented to the project that best recognizes the importance of the relation between design practice and critical, theoretical discourse. Alex Lev also won an award for his team's first place finish in PricewaterhouseCooper's ISU case study competition for software engineers.

Wyatt Glienke, Robert De Pau, Eric Friesth, Sam Flumerfelt, Zach Serritella, Sam Frey, Keith Moss, Alex Lev, Carson Feldman, Ben Foxen, Noah Levere, Nick Stitzell, Evan Smith, Trey Clifton, and Luke Simons all participated in this fall's Out of the Darkness walk in Ankeny, IA, raising awareness for suicide prevention. Keith Moss and Sam Frey held leadership positions within this organization.

Cody West served as President of the Iowa State Student Body. Adam Keesling was the President of the Wall Street Club, which he co-founded. Will Franke and Micah Palmer were Destination Iowa State Leaders. James Caldwell was on the ISU Men's Volleyball Team, Wyatt Glienke and Jack Alberts were on the ISU Men's Lacrosse Team, and Robert De Pau was on the ISU Men's Water Polo Team. Nick Topping was a study abroad peer mentor. He was also on the Business Council along with Kyle Lathrop.

Cody Pearson was an ambassador for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Michael Ciabatti was an ISU Legislative Ambassador. Michael Petron held an ambassador position in the Engineering Ambassadors and Mentor Program (TEAM). Ethan Frostestad was the Vice President of his residence hall's governing cabinet. Eric Friesth served as a Cyclone Aide, and Evan Smith was a Cyclone Aide Advisor for New Student Programs.

In total, Phi Psis were involved in more than 40 different clubs and campus organizations. These clubs and organizations provide our members with fun opportunities to meet new people and get involved on campus. In addition to the numerous academic and scholastic clubs, some unique clubs that Phi Psi's were involved in include the Swing Dance, Airsoft, and Pokémon Clubs. It's truly amazing what Iowa State has to offer in terms of ways to get involved.

## Woodrow Wilson Leadership School



Bringing home the hardware from the Woodrow Wilson Leadership School, L-R: Alex Lev, Benny Rohloff '11-1411, Cody Pearson, and Tyler Carlson.

## Adopt-A-Highway



Phi Psi once again cleaned up a stretch of Highway 30 east of Ames.

## ISU and Phi Psi Awards

In 2017, our chapter received the Cardinal Circle Award for Fraternity Excellence from Iowa State. Only three out of 30 other fraternities received similar awards, and only one other fraternity received an award in a higher category.

Also in 2017, our chapter received an Accreditation Award from the national fraternity. Out of about 100 Phi Psi chapters nationwide, only two other chapters received similar awards, and only five other chapters received awards in a higher category.

## A Word of Thanks To . . .

- Sandy Short, wife of the late Con Short '56-670, for providing her world-famous Taylor Maid-Rites to the chapter during work week, and to David Day '57-677 for delivering them.
- Dana and Becky Lathrop, parents of Eric Lathrop '11-1409 and Kyle Lathrop '14-1473, for donating a snow blower to the chapter (and using it over winter break while we were all gone!).
- Jim Grabenbauer '73-948, for driving here from Omaha to give a risk-management talk about drugs and alcohol.
- The Parents' Association for purchasing a serving table for the volleyball area that matches the picnic table they purchased earlier, and for providing framed photographs of Hilton Coliseum and Jack Trice Stadium for the breakfast room.
- All the alumni who stopped by the house to see us while they were in the area.

— Ryan Greeley, '17-1553, Corresponding Secretary

## Fall 2017 Most Valuable Brothers: Keith Moss and Jacob Melookaran



Keith '16-1504 (left) is a junior from Eagan, Minnesota, pursuing degrees in Accounting and Management Information Systems, and maintains a GPA well north of 3.5. Keith just finished his term as GP. Before that, he served as House Manager and Steward in the same semester. On campus, he has been heavily involved with Greek Week Central (Treasurer and Crew Coordinator) and the Out of Darkness Campus Walk (Treasurer and Greek Community Coordinator).

Jacob '17-1541 is a sophomore from Overland Park, Kansas, majoring in Chemical Engineering. He has served the chapter as Hod and Brotherhood Committee Co-Chair. On campus, he has participated in Dance Marathon and held committee positions with the ISU Blood Drive and the ISU Engineering Career Fair Executive team.

Both Keith and Jacob have done far more for the chapter than this brief summary indicates. They have proven worthy of these awards.

The Most Valuable Brother Award is a \$1,000 scholarship given to the undergraduate who has made the most positive impact on the chapter during the semester, as determined by his peers. The positive impact made by the recipient must fall within the parameters of the four pillars of the Greek Community at Iowa State: scholarship, friendship, leadership, and service. Two awards are presented each semester, one to an underclassman (first or second year of college) and one to an upperclassman (third year of college or above).

The inaugural MVB Awards were presented spring semester of 2013. They have been funded by the generosity of James P. Grabenbauer '73-948 and Jerry A. Soper '73-956.

## Meet Our New House Director: Bev Lindgren



Nic Payne '11-1403 and his wife Kassia, who have been living in the House Director apartment the last two years, have now departed. Nic received his master's degree in mathematics and has taken a job with Caterpillar in Peoria, Illinois. Kassia had been working with a local architecture firm in Ames, and is now doing the same in Peoria.

This year we welcomed Bev Lindgren as our new House Director. Bev is from Ogden, about 20 miles west of Ames. She has been a widow since 2007. Her daughter, Lori, and son-in-law, Steve, live in Kearney, Missouri. Lori teaches third grade in Kearney, and Steve is a building manager at the Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center in Kansas City, Missouri. They have a daughter, Kennedy, in ninth grade and a son, Grant, in seventh grade.

Most of Bev's career was spent working at the Iowa Army National Guard. She was a secretary for the commander of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Boone, and a Safety Specialist at Camp Dodge in Johnston. For the last seven years, she has operated a catering business in the Ogden area, which she is continuing on a part-time basis.

Bev has been a great addition to the chapter. When you're back, be sure to stop in and say hello!



## Spotlight on: James P. Grabenbauer '73-948

*Editor's note: Brother Jim Grabenbauer is an Iowa Beta Corporation Board member, occasional guest speaker at the chapter, and co-sponsor of the Most Valuable Brother Award given to four brothers each year. A little about his story:*

I grew up in Marshalltown. My folks set a firm expectation that we get A's in school and pay for our own college. They worked at Fisher Controls, an engineering dominated company. Dad pushed me to go that way despite my greater talent in chemistry and life sciences than math. Iowa State was the obvious choice, despite having grown up a Hawkeye fan. Of course, that immediately changed.

High school friend and brother, Fred Zewe '74-962, had an older brother, Ray '71-922, who was a Phi Psi. That tie landed me at the chapter. We had a large Marshalltown contingent back then with brothers Dave Benson '70-904, Bob Wolter '71-911, Ray Zewe, Jim Goodman '69-871, Ken Lyons '71-923, and Pat Kapaun '71-920 already in the chapter. Mark Hall '73-950, Dave Harrison '74-961, Fred Zewe, Dave Jansen '74-981, and John Dankbar '74-960 joined from my class.

I served as House Manager, helping to rebuild the pool when the April 1973 blizzard caved it in and killed the heater. I also worked on several homecoming lawn displays and VEISHEA float committees. I waited tables at Kappa Delta sorority for three years as well.

The 1970s were good times for ISU football fans during the Majors and Bruce eras. As pledges, we'd get to Clyde Williams Field at 8 A.M. for 1 P.M. games to hold seats for the entire chapter and their dates. There was a crush at the stadium gates as we rushed to get prime seats. My wife, Lisa, and I remain huge Cyclone fans and supporters.

We had some real high-character brothers in the chapter back then — and then we had some that were just, well, characters. Jim Miller '71-925 tutored me in physics and went on to be a professor, while several brothers showed me the precise technique for jumping off the roof into the pool. Ken Lyons got into medical school after three years, while I spent three years being a senior. Bob Wolter successfully ran VEISHEA as president, while Pat Kapaun and Randy Hillman '70-886 faced off for demolition derby in our frozen ice rink of a parking lot.

My transition to college wasn't easy. I'd been too busy in high school with work and studies to get into any trouble. Strict and observant parents held me accountable, but didn't allow me to grow from teenage mistakes. With my newfound freedom in college, I abused alcohol and frequently changed majors — from Chemical Engineering to Pre-Med to Civil Engineering to Industrial Engineering to Business, and finally back to IE.

Running out of my hard-earned savings was inevitable. I started working as a second-shift building electrician and lift-



**Brother Grabenbauer with his family. L-R: Ross, Claire, Caroline, Kurt, Lisa, and Jim.**

truck mechanic at the Ames 3M plant. I had just met Lisa Ritter, a charter member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She was smart, emotionally mature, and had her act together. In the words of Jack Nicholson, "She made me want to be a better man." Despite my issues at the time, she saw a gentleman with potential. We got married and I finally finished my engineering degree.

I was fortunate to graduate when the job market for engineering was exceptionally strong, and I had good offers. Employers were looking for hard-working, responsible people. That 3M job, plus chapter activities, really helped in that regard. My first job out of college was packaging engineering at AT&T's two-million-square-foot Omaha Works. I loved the plant, the people, and the job. I got to design both the product packages and the packaging systems. It challenged and stimulated my creativity. I

added the material-handling fleet, the raw-material storerooms, and the distribution warehouse as my responsibilities grew. The plant was a city within itself, with golf, softball, and volleyball leagues. Lisa joined the plant as an IT developer and business analyst after she completed her MBA. We made dozens of close friends there.

I started working on my MBA at Creighton when Lisa completed hers. We had started a family and couldn't go at the same time. A year later, I was accepted into AT&T's Industrial Engineering Summer on Campus master's program at Purdue, and completed both degrees together. Toyota's process improvement principles and techniques, cellular manufacturing, JIT, 5S, Kanban, standard work, and synchronous manufacturing were the hot IE topics at that time, and have endured. I moved to manufacturing and had some interesting high-visibility projects applying these techniques; reducing throughput time, dramatically improving quality, and reducing floor space.

After the tech bubble burst in 2001, our entire management team was offered an enhanced retirement package, which I jumped at. That Purdue MSIE paid off, as I got a Lean process improvement manager job at Union Pacific Railroad (UP). It was a great opportunity to change the culture of an entire company using Lean to identify and solve problems. I got my Six Sigma Black Belt and was promoted to Director in 2008, and happily retired this last September.

I've had some interesting hobbies and activities along the way. Our oldest son, Kurt, was five when soccer took off in Omaha. I went to sign him up and ended up coaching that team and all three of our kids for 13 years at both recreational and competitive levels. Kurt ended up as an All-American. Once the kids were out of soccer, I took up golf. Three lessons from a great instructor dropped my nine-hole league handicap from

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a torturous 17 to a respectable 5 in two seasons. I'm a mid-80s player now, but playing the senior tees with fellow retirees during the week. Days that I can't play golf, I'm in the gym.

Lisa and I celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in February. She's been a devoted mother and wife. A lifetime learner, she completed her PhD in IT in 2015, and started Prairie Star Botanicals, a health and beauty products manufacturer. We have three great kids: Kurt (36), married to Caroline and a business owner; Ross (32), finishing his ten-year Navy nuclear assignment in July; and Claire (28), who served in the Air Force and is completing her Accounting degree with a great job lined up. Alas, no grandkids yet, but surely one day. In the meanwhile, two large Boxers, Beckett and Bella, will have to do.

I got back to being involved with the chapter through our Omaha neighbor family's oldest son, Mark Mendick, Jr. '11-1410. Mark is a sharp and enterprising young man, so I advised him to look at engineering as a profession. When he started at Iowa State in 2011, I asked him to check out Phi Psi. We all know the hard work that Bill and Lindy had put into making our chapter house a great place to live and grow through college. Mark checked it out, joined, and had a great fraternity experience. Bill appreciated the referral and subsequently asked if I'd be interested in being on the Corporation Board. I have now served six years, and will be around for another three-year term.

I have always been deeply appreciative of the great start that Iowa State gave me in my career, and for that reason, I set a goal some time ago to give a certain dollar amount back to Iowa State before I retired. Union Pacific has a great matching gifts program that I was able to take advantage of to leverage my gifts to the ISU Foundation. My initial gifts were given for the general purposes of the Engineering College, which was fine, but I developed the feeling that my gifts were just kind of lost in the large pool of gifts from other donors, that they didn't have a meaningful impact on anything in particular.

The financial generosity of Denny Stanley '70-893 and the outstanding sweat equity of Bill Good '69-864 in getting the chapter rechartered got me searching for a way to use my gifts to the ISU Foundation for Phi Psi. So, Bill and I and a representative from the Foundation worked together to create the Most Valuable Brother (MVB) Award. This award is a \$1,000 scholarship given to the Phi Psi undergraduate who has made the most positive impact on the chapter during the semester, as determined by his peers. Two awards are given each semester, one to an underclassman and one to an upperclassman.

This has turned out to be a proverbial win-win-win situation. Iowa State gets money for student scholarships. I get credit for Iowa State giving, knowing that the money will go directly to help Phi Psis. And the selected students get a financial boost in these high-tuition times.

Perhaps just as important are the intangible benefits. The student gets well-deserved recognition from his peers and an important bullet point for his resume. And I get some well-written thank-you letters and impressive resumes from our outstanding MVB recipients.

Jerry Soper '73-956 has joined in contributing to this award, which is now endowed at a level that will last for a full generation of Phi Psis.

So if I may make a plug: while similar scholarships can be designated through the Phi Psi Foundation at the National Office, if giving to Iowa State is important to you (along with Phi Psi), then I would invite you to add to the MVB fund at the ISU Foundation. Or, if you prefer, design your own Phi Psi scholarship at the ISU Foundation. And, if your employer has a matching gifts program, so much the better.

Iowa Beta has some fine young men with impressive resumes in challenging fields of study. The chapter's future is in good hands with these young men as leaders, and it's personally satisfying to help reward them for their successes.

Regards to all my Phi Psi Brothers out there!

— Jim Grabenbauer

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## Thomas J. Miller '69-873 Receives Citation of Merit



Thomas J. Miller (with wife Terry in photo) recently received the Citation of Merit from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, an award given to distinguished alumni of the college who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and received national or international recognition. The award was presented last fall during the annual Iowa State Homecoming Honors and Awards Ceremony.

Brother Miller spent most of his career with Microsoft, starting in 1989. He was a member of the team that created a "from scratch" version of a new Windows implementation in 1993, called Windows NT. He was the architect and key implementer of the NTFS file system and the cache manager. He also worked on scale-out projects for Microsoft Exchange Server, SQL Server, and, most recently, was the initial architect and developer of a new ultra-reliable file system called ReFS.

Tom was in the first class to graduate from ISU in the "new" department called Computer Science. His first job was with Digital Equipment Corporation as one of the first two college hires ever in their small software division. He later helped establish a software consulting startup, Paranor AG, with three European friends in Bern, Switzerland.

Now retired, brother Miller devotes considerable time to supporting his favorite nonprofits, Save the Children and Habitat for Humanity, and serves on the board of a local progressive political organization. Brother Miller and his wife, Terry, live at 9015 NE 47th St., Yarrow Point, WA 98064 (425-453-2841; tom@nautiboys.net).



## Gold Star Hall Ceremony Honors Robert Geoffroy '41-321



*On Veteran's Day, November 6, 2017, the Gold Star Hall Committee held its annual ceremony in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union to honor former ISU students who died in the service of their country. One of this year's four honorees was Phi Psi brother Robert Geoffroy, an Army Air Force pilot who was killed in an airplane crash in 1944. In the absence of living family members, a delegation from Phi Kappa Psi attended the ceremony and received the memorial coin presented by the Iowa State Veteran's Center on his behalf. Reprinted below is the address presented at the ceremony by Kristin Erdman, marketing coordinator for the Memorial Union and director of the event.*

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Geoffroy was born to Howard Oscar Geoffroy and Eva E. Williams in January of 1922. He grew up an only child in Sterling, Illinois. Sterling is a small city in Northwest Illinois, most commonly known for its long association with manufacturing and the steel industry. This is why it was formerly nicknamed "The Hardware Capital of the World."

Robert graduated from St Mary's Community High School in 1939. During his high school years, he participated in band, orchestra, and was an athletics manager.

Robert went on to become an engineering student at Iowa State University. Robert was also interested in Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and was initiated on April 29, 1941. He eventually became the president of his pledge class. His Phi Psi brothers remember him having a sparkling wit and ready humor. In addition to the time he spent on fraternity activities, he was extremely involved on campus. Whether it was for the Society of American Military Engineers, the Newman Club, or intramural athletics, Robert was always busy contributing to Iowa State.

As president of Phi Kappa Psi, Robert was in charge when the outbreak of World War II meant that the Beta Chapter house had to temporarily close, as did many other Iowa State fraternities. Iowa State's on-campus housing was needed to accommodate military trainees during WWII, so fraternity houses were pressed into service for student housing needs. Robert wrapped up the house's business affairs before he too joined the military.

Robert entered the service on August 9, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois. He trained at the Army Air Force Navigation School at San Marcos, Texas. Described as "unusually brilliant," Robert completed his six-month course for classification tests at Bucknell University in three short months. With flying colors, Robert also passed his mental, psycho-motor and physical examinations at the Army Air Force's Classification Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Because of this, he was selected for navigator, his first choice. He made cadet lieutenant on February 20, 1944, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on September 25, 1944.

After all of Robert's schooling and testing were over, the Army Air Force granted him a seven-day leave that he spent at home with his parents in Sterling. After that leave, Robert reported to Westover Field, Massachusetts, on October 5, 1944 as the navigator of a B-24 bomber.

Only nine days in, and on his second mission, he and his crew went missing on October 15, 1944, a late Sunday night. A search soon discovered that he and eight other members of his crew died when their plane crashed into the Camel's Hump Mountain at 4,083 feet. James Wilson of Jackson, Florida, was the only man to survive, though he had several injuries. Civil Air Patrol planes located the men on the mountainside, and the recovery team spent over two days climbing the mountain to locate the crew. They returned to base with the bodies of the fallen men.

Robert was 22 years old when he died.

He was buried in Calvary Cemetery in Sterling, Illinois, on October 25, 1944. The *Sterling Gazette* described the funeral crowds as "unusually large." Phi Kappa Psi performed their ritual at the grave, as did the color guard.

Lt. Col. Elwood P. Donahue wrote, "He was extremely devoted to his work and was congenial, friendly, and cooperative in everything he did. All of us feel his loss is indeed a great one. Robert was a superior soldier in every way and a man of the finest character. He was the type who gladly gives his life for his country."



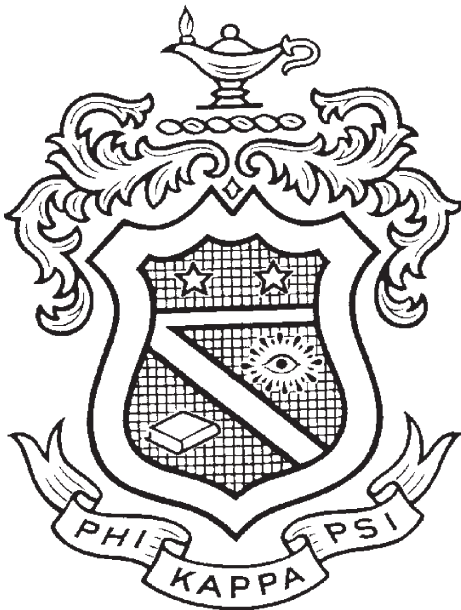
**Attending the Gold Star Hall Ceremony honoring deceased brother Robert Geoffroy were (L-R) Jacob Heen, Wyatt Glienke, University Advisor Craig Anderson [IN Zeta '74], Keith Moss, and Cody West.**

## Alumnus Makes Surprise Visit



John Fazel '57-685, pictured here with Bill Good '69-864 (L) and GP Keith Moss (R), stopped by the house for a visit shortly before school started this fall.

Alumni are *always* welcome at the house! The next time you are in Ames, by all means stop by to view the recent improvements and meet the undergraduate brothers.



## Fall Semester 2017 Chapter and Alumni Officers

### Chapter Officers

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## Cyclo-Grams

**Willis M. Bywater, '58-697**, is semi-retired. "I enjoyed attending the Iowa Alpha 150th celebration in April 2017. On December 30, 2017, I attended the Liberty Bowl in Memphis with brothers **Jim Watson '70-882** and my son, **Doug '96-1302**. ISU prevailed 21-20 over Memphis, and we enjoyed two wonderful nights on famous Beale Street." Bill and Linda are parents of Ann, David, Susan, and Doug. Write to him at 621 S. Summit St., Iowa City, IA 52240, or call 319-337-4663.

**Milton R. "Mick" Stewart, '59-709**, is a tree surgeon. He and Patricia are parents of Fitz (55), Shelly (53), and Kevin (50). "I wrestled for Iowa State from 1957 to 1962, and was inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 2016." Write to Nick at 3552 S. Compton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118, or call 314-664-1103.

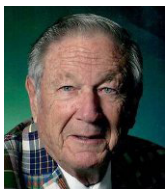
**John J. Gardner, '10-1396**, has been an industrial engineer with Garmin International for one year. "I relocated to Kansas City in 2017, and married Nicole (ISU) in June 2016." Write to "JJ" at 15802 Birch St., Overland Park, KS 66224 (515-991-5702; johnjgardner17@gmail.com).

## Obituaries

**Philip M. Semler, '46-407**, of Richmond, Kentucky, passed away on July 17, 2017. Philip was born in 1926 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He graduated in 1944 from Benton Harbor High School, where he was President of the National Honor Society and a member of the 1943 State Champion Football Team. He then enlisted in the US Naval Aviation Pilots Training Program, and was honorably discharged in 1946. He attended Iowa State on the GI Bill, graduating in 1949 with a BS in Industrial Engineering. For more than 30 years, he managed foundries in Michigan, Ohio, and Alabama. He was President of the Michiana Foundrymen's Society and Purdue University Metal Casting Conference. He retired as Sales Manager at Red Head Petroleum Company in 2000. Philip married Barbara Corbidge in 1950, and they were married for 67 years. He is survived by his son Bradley; daughters Valerie McKeighen, Victoria Partridge, Christine Adkins, and Constance Kupets; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Robert W. Couffer, Jr., '47-431**, of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, died June 16, 2017. Born in 1925 in Oak Park, Illinois, Bob grew up in Oak Park and, after high school, served two years in the Army. He was a POW in Germany in World War II. After returning home, he graduated from Iowa State with a degree in mechanical engineering. Over the course of his career, Bob worked for a number of manufacturing and engineering firms. Bob loved sailing and boats since he was a young boy, and grew up racing scow-type sailboats with the Lake Geneva Yacht Club. He was founder and commodore of the Geneva Lake Keel Boat Club. In 1955, Bob met his true love, Jeanne, while she was visiting neighbors at Lake Geneva. They were married in 1959, and raised three children, Pamela, Julie, and Susanne. Bob and Jeanne retired to their home in the Elgin Club subdivision in Lake Geneva. Bob was the Elgin Club treasurer for many years. At age 87, Bob took part in the Honor Flight to visit the WWII memorial in Washington, DC. Bob is survived by Jeanne; his daughters; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Thomas H. Winkleman, '47-460**, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, died August 21, 2017. Thomas was born in 1926 in Whitewater, Wisconsin. He graduated from St. John's Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, and received his engineering degree from Iowa State University. Tom had a passion for flying and joined the Navy C-12 program in 1944. The war was coming to an end before he completed pilot



training. Later in life, however, he earned his pilot's license and flew his own plane. Most of his career was as V-P/ Sales Engineering at Mojonner Brothers. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Dolores; daughter, Cynthia Schurtz; son, David F. Winkleman; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 47 years, Margaret.

**Gordon R. Dierks, '64-789**, passed away on May 29, 2017, at his home in Flagstaff, Arizona. He was born in Monticello, Iowa, in 1944, and graduated from Iowa State. He enlisted in the Navy after college and served in the Vietnam War. After his active duty, he served 30 years in the Naval Reserves, retiring with the rank of Commander. Most of his working life was spent in the aerospace industry. He enjoyed gardening, motorcycling, serving as V.P. of the Military Officers Association, and the Green Bay Packers. He is survived by Cathy, his wife of 50 years; son Brian; daughter Rachel; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Errol '61-746**.

## 2017 Honor Roll of Contributors

Grateful thanks to the brothers listed below, who supported Iowa Beta in 2017 through the Alumni Communications Program, the Phi Psi Foundation, the House Corporation, and the ISU Foundation. The list does not include brothers who gave to the National Fraternity for its general purposes. Kudos especially to our young alumni, initiated since rechartering, 33 of whom answered the call (up from 14 in 2016). You make the *Cyclone Phi Psi* and other Corporation projects possible, so we invite your continued support in 2018. THANKS for caring and sharing!

Name	Init.	Yr.	& No.		
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Arnold W. Galbraith	43	354	Douglas D. Fuller	74	989
Don C. Bice, Jr.	45	391	Robert O. Harding	74	992
William G. Castner	45	401	Randall L. Good	76	1021
Gene T. Allender	46	404	Randall L. Minear	76	1036
William H. Reinhardt, Jr.	46	428	Mark C. Kilmer	78	1044
John W. Barber	47	436	Michael J. Gilhooly, Sr.	78	1046
Frederic R. Bushnell, Jr.	49	503	Dennis P. Little	79	1059
Robert H. Jacobson	50	520	Lee C. Batchelder	79	1086
Robert W. McDougall	50	522	R. Randall Maakestad	79	1089
Robert C. Hall	50	524	Scott W. Wiggins	80	1093
Roger W. Hill	50	530	Douglas R. Stearns	80	1097
Ned D. Moore, Jr.	53	595	Miles G. Moore	80	1103
Myron E. Snesrud	54	610	Timothy G. Houge	82	1127
John P. Jensen	54	615	John H. Lewis	84	1151
David L. Anthony	54	627	Stephen P. Brown	84	1154
William H. Meyer	56	663	Christopher S. Rada	07	1325
R. Lynn Johnson	57	681	Patrick J. Pannkuk	07	1327
Willis M. Bywater	58	697	Dustin G. Collicott	07	1329
Lee B. Backsen	58	698	Timothy M. Hassell	07	1330
Gary F. Short	58	699	Joshua D. Jensen	07	1336
James E. Jorgensen	59	723	Peter M. Anderson	07	1337
William L. Ballou	60	735	Morgan E. Janes	07	1339
Larry R. Lee	61	738	Jason A. Paull	07	1341
Ronald D. Ratliff	61	740	Andrew W. Turner	07	1343
J. Stephen Spencer	61	749	Kyle M. Messerschmidt	07	1354
Frank J. Steinmetz III	63	773	Dustin A. Jensen	07	1356
Scott C. Schaupp	63	782	Michael J. Lee	08	1358
James M. Good II	64	785	Michael P. Good	09	1362
Thomas R. Good	66	819	Nicholas V. Dodson	09	1363
Donald M. Terkanian	66	827	Brandon K. Otto	09	1371
Douglas R. Spriggs	68	861	Travis J. Ziemke	09	1372
Marshall E. Langohr	69	863	Zebulon L. Bidwell	10	1375
William J. Good	69	864	Andrew K. Augustine	10	1377
Lonnie C. Williams	69	877	Kyle P. McGreevy	10	1380
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Thomas J. Marsden	70	884	John J. Gardner	10	1396
Randall W. Hillman	70	886	Brett J. Byriel	11	1400
Dennis L. Stanley	70	893	Ryan M. Page	11	1408
Gregory P. Awbrey	70	901	Eric R. Lathrop	11	1409
David W. Benson	70	904	Jake D. Oswald	12	1425
Ross H. Stafford	70	906	Adam P. Goldberg	13	1445
William S. Fisher	72	936	Eric A. Manges	14	1470
Richard L. Havran	73	943	David C. Battel	14	1472
David E. Anderson	73	945	Nicholas J. Stitzell	14	1479
James P. Grabenbauer	73	948	Jonathon S. Williams	16	1516
Mark L. Hall	73	950	Noah J. Tornabane	17	1540
Glen R. Breuer	73	951	William C. Franke	17	1542
Jerry A. Soper	73	956	Lucas J. Fischer	17	1551