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IN Kappa Website

Check out the new website at:

<http://www.bsuphidelt.com>

Email us for information on how to sign up for the website.

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The Legacy: Seth Ernestes

Seth takes on first role within chapter as Secretary

Perhaps it is the start of something great? Expectations are high for Seth Ernestes, son of Brother Chris Ernestes as he takes on a new leadership role within the chapter just after initiation. As a freshman, Seth is studying Biochemistry and hopes to, one day go into the Medical Research field. He will graduate from Ball State in 2012, and has plans to attend graduate school at Indiana University. Seth hopes to follow in his father's footsteps in leading the chapter to great things in the future and maybe become Chapter President.



RBC St. Louis

Skills Training Help Needed

Delegates: [Evan O'Connor](#)

[Eddie San Inocencio](#)

The Chapter desires some training help from Alumni. To be in compliance of one of the action items set during the *Recruitment Boot Camp* in St. Louis in January, skills training workshops will now be completed by the chapter in an effort to improve the skills for members while recruiting. The skill sets include: recruitment activity planning, and communication techniques. Please contact Chapter Advisory Board member: [Jarrod Murray](#), Active Brothers: [Caleb Whitmer](#) or [Eddie San Inocencio](#) for inquiries to help our chapter in these efforts.



Top Left: David Niedzwiecki, Chris Ernestes, John Velasquez, Caleb Whitmer, Eddie San Inocencio, Evan O'Connor

Founders Day/Silver Legion

Time: Saturday March 21, 2009 at 5:30pm

Location: Ritz Charles
12156 N Meridian St
Carmel, IN 46032

Gold Legionnaire: Robert L. Christ Bond 918 from DePauw University. He was initiated in 1959.

Silver Legionnaire: Bonds 1-334

Formal invitations will be sent out within the next couple weeks. The price will be \$45 per person (Indiana Kappa active members \$20).

To RSVP, please contact CAB

member [Eric Christ](#) 317-847-7335



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Jag Spotlight: Brother Lawell

Brother Velasquez interviews
Brother Mike Lawell:

Q: What made you join PDT?

A: I chose Phi Delta Theta for several reasons. First, Brother, Scott Boylan, was a classmate and friend in high school and gave me some good advice. "Check out the other fraternities during rush and then come check out Phi Delta Theta," he said. There was no comparison to the bond the brothers had. The brothers made me feel at home when I walked through the door. The brothers of the house were down to earth, knew how to have fun, yet were very serious about the brotherhood.

Q: What is the best memory you had while at INK?

A: Probably one of the best times I had at Indiana Kappa, there were many, was the walkout my pledge class took to the University of Cincinnati. We rented a large box truck, through a bunch of benches and a keg in the back, kidnapped a bunch of actives and drove to Cincinnati. That night, after much "fellowship" with the Cincinnati chapter, we had pledges and brothers sleeping under pianos, behind couches, any where they could find a safe place. On the way back, not far from Richmond, the clutch stopped working on the truck. I believe it was Brother Toby Townsend who called his dad to come and get us in his van. There were so many pledges and brothers in the van that it got a flat tire. It was a real bonding experience.

Q: Tell us a funny story about either your big bro, little bro, or lil sis.

A: My lil bro was Danny Barrickman. Danny was a great guy, friends with everyone. He was 6'2" (6'3"?) and drove a VW Beetle. I remember a bunch of us piling into his car, on multiple occasions, and doing donuts in the snow.

Q: What did you learn from the fraternity that you have used in life

after graduation?

A: There is so much I took away from Indiana Kappa, from learning to build a cohesive team from my time as Pledge Trainer, to learning how to deal with a variety of personalities. When you think about the three cardinal principles of Phi Delta Theta (friendship, sounds learning, rectitude), we came away with all three.

Q: Tell us a little bit about what you have done after college, like breaking people's faces with that black belt you have.. he he

A: Funny guy. No breaking faces... bad karma.

I moved to Atlanta, with BellSouth Mobility, in 1996 just before the Olympics. After working with BellSouth for several years, I switched jobs, taking a position as a SQL Server development database developer. I was involved as a database developer for 10 years. In February, I will have completed my first year as Director of Software Development for a Mortgage Software Company.

I am on the Georgia Beta (Emory) Chapter Advisory board, and recently had the chance to catch up on old times with Chris Ernestes at the Chapter Advisory Board Summit. I also had the opportunity to meet some great guys with good heads on their shoulders from my home chapter Indiana Kappa.

Q: What made you get involved with PDT as a CAB for Atlanta? What drew you back or what kept you involved with the Fraternity.

A: Rick Orr the new Province President for this province contacted me through LinkedIn and asked if I would be interested helping out with the Emory Chapter. After confirming I could handle the time commitment, how could I refuse to return to the Fraternity, knowing what they gave me.

Emory has a large chapter

of 61. There biggest challenge is they don't know the benefits of having Emory alumni around to serve as role models and advisors. Their alumni drifted away from the chapter and they're working on rebuilding that relationship.

25 years have passed since my initiation, and until recently never thought I'd be involved again. Now I'm glad I took the step. Through Facebook, I've reconnected with some old friends, and Brothers.

I challenge all Indiana Kappa alumni to get involved in some way with our old chapter. 7. Tell us some personal things about yourself.

I got married for the first time September 30th, 2006; hard to believe but true. Her name is Karen. No kids yet, but we talk about it frequently.

I am a certified Scuba Instructor for Atlanta Scuba with over 500 dives. My favorite place to scuba dive is Cozumel, but Bonaire is a close second. Some of my other favorite places to dive are Okinawa (Japan), North Carolina (wreck diving), Florida, but I have many more places to see.

I also do the website for Atlanta Scuba (<http://www.atlantascuba.net>).

Yours in the Bond,

Mike Lawell
Indiana Kappa, #334