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## ADVISERS UPDATE

### Nurturing Leadership & Excellence

Dear Indiana Beta Brotherhood,

As we enjoy the beautiful Autumn on our Bloomington campus, it brings us great pleasure to share the exciting developments and achievements that Indiana Beta has experienced in the current semester. Our Fraternity is not just a residence; it's a thriving brotherhood community, and we are delighted to witness its continuous growth and success.

Indiana Beta stands tall with a full chapter house boasting 80 live-ins, supplemented by an additional 120+ active undergraduates living on campus. Under the leadership of GP Owen VanHess and VGP Andrew Maher, our leadership team exemplifies a steadfast passion and commitment to elevating Indiana Beta to the status of a premier Greek house on Indiana University's campus. Their dedication is reflected in the strategic goals set for the chapter, focusing on Brotherhood, GPA, Philanthropy, Community Service, and Campus Leadership.

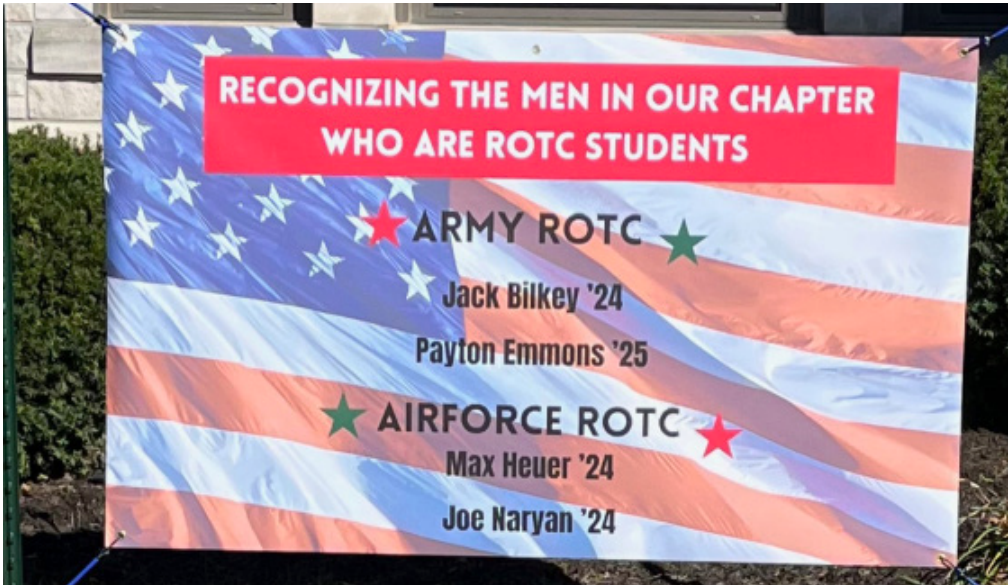
The brotherhood recently concluded the initiation of 24 new brothers, a testament to our commitment to maintaining a balanced mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors in our chapter house. Our alumni advisory team recently conducted a 3-hour Introduction to Leadership Program attended by 22-chapter leaders. This learning initiative is crucial to building a sustainable leadership culture within Indiana Beta, fostering brotherhood trust, working through productive conflict, and personal accountability/integrity.

As we transition into the winter season, our Little 500 bike team, led by our passionate 7th-year Coach Dan Gaz, is gearing up for their annual rigorous training season, aiming for victory on Race day, Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Please stop in and see the major donor plaque in recognition of our Breaking Away Chapter House Construction Campaign. For a closer look at the donor list, click the QR code.



Best Regards,  
Alumni Chapter Advisors

**NEWS FROM INDIANA BETA**

*It is with great honor that we honor the men of Indiana Beta, past and present.*

## CHAPTER UPDATE WINTER 2023

I extend our warmest greetings as the new chapter Recording Secretary and from our newly elected GP, Kathan Raju. It's a privilege to bring you the latest chapter news for the fall/winter of 23-24. This semester has seen our fraternity continue its proud legacy with a full house of 80 sophomores and juniors living in plus and additional 120 active members living around campus.

Last week we were honored to initiate 24 new members which solidifies our chapter as one of the largest Greek fraternities here at Indiana University. During the fall rush we had over 800 rushes come through the chapter house. The newly initiated brothers have shown a lot of enthusiasm and commitment to Phi Psi and have already made a significant impact on our community. We want to build off the deep fulfillment in the brotherhood that's been cultivated over the past few years and the strides we've made together so far this fall. We now are looking forward to another great spring recruitment! On top of this, November is a big month for philanthropy here in Bloomington as the Indiana University Dance Marathon took place this past weekend, and the brothers of Indiana Beta were able to raise \$3825! We are very excited to continue our philanthropic endeavors by hosting our annual "Phi Psi Rodeo" event here in the coming weeks.

The chapter's culture of dedication to Indiana Beta complements our ongoing mission, and we encourage our alumni to connect with us, offering life insights and referrals for future potential brothers. Our 20 newly elected executive team and committee chairs have fully transitioned to their roles and we promise to continue to improve upon chapter academics, leadership, and service. Our preparation and vision assure us that the chapter's future is in capable hands. The Indiana Beta Chapter stands as a beacon of excellence on campus, continuously building upon our robust foundation. Our commitment to growth ensures our status as a leading fraternity at the university. Eagerly anticipating what's ahead, we remain united in our motto: \*High High High!\*

Clay Krantz  
Recording Secretary

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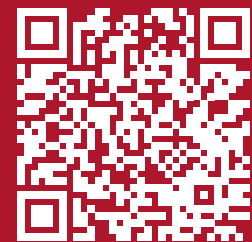
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## NEWS FROM INDIANA BETA



## ALUMNI INTERVIEW

### Paul Helmke

Democratic ideals are often conflated with the Democratic Party of today, but long-time Republican (now more of an Independent) Paul Helmke's *Indiana '67* view of self-governance reaches across time. Even his membership to Phi Kappa Psi spans generations, his father and grandfather having been brothers before him.

When Paul visited the Indiana University Phi Psi house in 1966, it wasn't just his family that influenced his decision to join. Impressed by Phi Psi's campus leadership and commitment, they promoted good grades and civic discourse. Navigating the campus helped young Paul to learn people skills and brotherly debate.

"There's no bumper sticker solution to any problem," he laughed. "There are a lot of nuanced issues, and you've got to learn the nuance before you can really make a difference."

Paul's major in political science helped him when he was elected student body president in 1969. Earning a 3.96 GPA, Paul went on to Yale University Law School, perhaps the most prestigious program in the country. This empowered Paul not only to practice

law but also to pursue a political career of purpose, running for mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and winning his initial race in 1987, along with two subsequent re-elections. His 12-year tenure is marked by Paul's outreach to minorities and serving as president of the US Conference of Mayors. In 1998, Paul won the Republican primary for US Senate, but he found himself campaigning against another Indiana Beta—Democrat Evan Bayh *Indiana '75!*

"We ran a simple campaign. Disagreed on a lot of things but agreed on a lot of things. Part of [campaigning] was that camaraderie and a feeling of brotherhood," Paul said.

Paul then focused his energy on an epidemic that kills nearly 40,000 Americans per year. According to the Center for Disease Control, firearms are the leading cause of death for Americans aged 1 to 17, claiming more lives than illness or automobile accidents. Paul became president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, named after James Brady, who survived the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan. Brady's 2014 death was ruled a homicide due to the brain damage he sustained from the shooting.

When discussing sensitive issues like gun deaths and second amendment rights, Paul said, "Educate yourself, and learn as much as you can about the issue."

Paul's shining career taught him lessons he wishes to impart to young people. "Have fun, find new experiences, and become a more well-rounded person."

His engagement with the community and greater world still aligns with a passion for self-governance. Paul now teaches full-time at IU as a 'Professor of Practice' and directs the Civic Leaders Center, a living-learning community for first-year undergrads interested in civic engagement. As part of this program, he takes students on study-abroad trips to Greece, the birthplace of democracy, where they read classics and visit sites like Ancient Olympia.

"We discourage [the students] from wearing too much Greek letters. It confuses the Greeks,"

Paul said, while he credits his service to others to the fraternal experience. "I treasure those memories and those moments."



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*Little 500*

**WELCOME RACE FANS!**

You've reached the starting line; now get ready to ride!  
 The Indiana University Student Foundation is your official  
 source for all things Little 500.

Billed as "The World's Greatest College Weekend," the  
 Little 500 is the largest collegiate bike race in the United  
 States. Modeled after the Indianapolis 500, riders compete  
 in four-person teams around a quarter-mile cinder track  
 at Bill Armstrong Stadium. The men's race is 200 laps (50  
 miles) and the women's race is 100 laps (25 miles).



*Members of the Bike Team: Kaleb Cooper '24, Nick Tschetter '25, Colin Brown '25,  
 Albert Shaefer '25, Hunter Jones '26, Robert Jacobson '26, Jason Li '27*

**36TH WOMEN'S LITTLE 500**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**73RD MEN'S LITTLE 500**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.**