

# The Theta Delt Times



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## Theta Delta Chi Leads Relay For Life Fundraising, Ceremonies

Theta Delta Chi led Wabash in the Relay for Life last weekend by raising the highest amount of money on campus with \$2,328. Also, Jacob Surface '11, Philanthropy Chair, served as emcee for the event.

Jim Amidon, the College's Director of Public Affairs, helped organize the event and was very enthusiastic about the results. "I don't have an exact figure, but we did raise over \$75,000, and there is about \$8,000 more coming to us," he said. "It's more than we have ever raised before. It was close to our goal of \$85,000, but by the end of the fiscal year in August we should have that amount raised."

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## TDX Enjoys Success with Honor Scholar Weekend

The 115<sup>th</sup> Honor Scholarship Weekend here at Wabash this past month was a great success, as about three hundred high school seniors poured into the College for a weekend of scholarship exams, interviews, and fraternity rushing. Nine bids were distributed from our Charge that weekend, and three prospectives chose immediately to accept.

Dressed to impress in our new rush polos and prepared to rush high school seniors with the true essence of college life at Wabash, our brotherhood plunged into Honor Scholar Weekend with tired bodies, but maintained bright, positive attitudes, and our hard work paid off. Starting with the previous Sunday, we Theta Delts cleaned, organized, and refurbished the house all week until Honor Scholar weekend began with the arrival of the first prospective. With the aid of the families of brothers such as Jake Moore '11 and Kyle O'Keefe '08, and Sarah Castor (the girlfriend of Bryan Arnold '09), we built a new sign for the front yard,

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Said Surface, "This year's Relay was a remarkable success. We had a lot of changes in the staff and committees, so I feel like we did a really good job putting it on. It was my first Relay and it was a life changing experience. I am really grateful to Aaron Abell ('10) for convincing me to come and help him out with the Relay this year."

The Relay was a great opportunity for organizations on campus to raise money to battle cancer. In addition to raising the most money, we were the only team to keep members at the Relay for its entirety, and we also sold our famous (or infamous for those feminist DePauw types out there) "I Heart Boobs" t-shirts.

"It's an experience to get out there with the community, and give Wabash a better face for the community, as well as improve yourself and your character," said Surface. "I was really proud the house for raising so much money. It was a concerted effort among all the brothers to really go out for philanthropy."



*Jacob Surface '11 serves as master of ceremonies for the 2008 Relay for Life.*

## TDX Founds Clubs, Improves Campus Life

Wabash campus life is becoming more versatile as several new organizations have been recognized by the Student Senate; two of these new organizations have brothers at the helm.

Tim Kraft '11 resurrected the Lacrosse Club, which had died out after a lack of participation. After petitioning for the club's renewal, Tim became the new Lacrosse Club President and is now leading several Wallies with varying levels of previous lacrosse experience to learn the brutal sport. The club has practice every afternoon, and their training will pay off, for the club is seeking a match with the Dannies in the fall. In addition to Tim, brothers Walter Fernandez '11 and Luke Moreno '11 are also members of the club.

John McGaughey '11 is also a club pioneer. Recently John filled out a petition to begin a Ping Pong Club, and will be pitching his case next Tuesday night at Student Senate. He plans to use the club to bring Wallies from across campus to the Upsilon Deuteron house for fellowship, snacks, and a good round of table tennis. Luke Moreno is the club's Vice President, and Tim Kraft is the club's Treasurer. Also, brothers Travis Stirling '10, Grant Gussman '09, Bill Birch '11, and Walter Fernandez will be members.

remulched the perimeter of the house, planted new flowers, built a loft for extra beds in the cold dorm area, painted the basement, and added fresh coats to the walls and to the colored steps outside the house.



*Prospectives eat in Chadwick Court with brothers Jacob Surface '11 and Bill Birch '11.*

The incoming prospectives were impressed. "I absolutely love your house," said Darius Burke, a student from Indianapolis. Other such prospectives had similar sentiments, and in addition to the three who accepted their bids, several others held, stating that if their final college decision lay in Wabash then Theta Delta Chi would be their house of residence.

Jim Leuck '09, Vice President of the Charge, is also the Inter-Fraternity Council President and as such was given the duty of examining each fraternity house before rush commenced. "You can't exactly measure it, but I'd venture to say that our house was definitely the cleanest and best kept."

We brothers at Upsilon Deuteron eagerly await the return of these students in the summer and fall and confidently believe that many of them will choose to pledge 'ol Theta Delta Chi.

## TDX Saves Lives (102 to Be Exact)

Once again, brother Bryan Arnold '09 and the men of Theta Delta Chi stepped in to assist the Indiana Blood Center in its bi-annual blood drive on the campus of Wabash College. Theta Delt has hosted the event for the past few years in the Knowling Field House and Arnold has served as the college coordinator and promoter of the drive, helping recruit *victims*, or **donors** rather, to come out and give their time and blood to a good cause.



Indiana Blood Center is a vital link in Indiana's health care infrastructure, supplying more than 550 units of blood to more than 60 Indiana hospitals every day. The nonprofit community service organization was founded in 1952 to provide a continuous, safe and adequate supply of blood products and testing services first to the people in our own communities, then wherever our blood products and testing services are needed.

More than forty volunteers came out for the drive with thirty-four accepted as donors. Said IBC field representative Gina Kornafel, "We hit our mark with thirty four donors, with each donor representing about three opportunities to save someone in need of blood. You guys could have potentially saved over one-hundred lives by helping us organize this one event. I just want to thank you for being such a big help."

# Eyes on the Horizon: Freshman Theta Delts Seek New House

That's right folks: Theta Delta Chi is outgrowing its old house! Although the undergrads love the small house feel and increased intimacy of their current home, structural concerns, growth limitations, and downright old age has worn the memorable old house out, leaving many Theta Delts looking towards the future of TDX housing. We understand that the mortgage on the current house is still unfulfilled, and realize that a new house is, to put it lightly, "on the horizon," and is a goal that will not be realized for years yet.

At the last charge meeting in March, a committee of freshmen was established to head up the search for prospective housing options to ensure the future sustainability of our fraternity at Wabash College. Jacob Surface and Rui Liu were placed on the committee, which

is currently headed by Jake Moore.

After meeting with Dean Raters and Dean Bambrey, the committee was encouraged by the challenge facing them to overcome the adversities posed by Theta Delta Chi's unique position as the last independent fraternity on campus. With the Deans' meetings behind them, the committee has begun work on a new housing proposal, with the goal of submitting a final draft and establishing dialogue with the college as well as President White about their prospects by the end of this semester.

We are anxious to see how the current growth and improvements undergone at TDX in the past year have affected the college's respect and opinion of our fraternity, especially with Theta Delts' myriad of contributions to campus leadership, social life, and philanthropy. Keep an eye out for more news on this exciting progress, and note that any information regarding earmarked donations to the college in the past as well as present altruism would be greatly appreciated.

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