

Indiana Chapter receives awards at 2008 national meeting

The Indiana Chapter was recognized at the DU Leadership Institute in Houston as scoring 100 percent on the Chapter Excellence Program for: *Outstanding Academic Performance* — This category recognizes chapters that place academics at the forefront of its existence, seeking to help members achieve academic success through an effective academic assistance program *Excellence in Associate Member Education* — this award recognizes the chapters that are most successful in educating new members with a focus on the history and principles of the Fraternity. Jordan Niquette received one of the four \$1,000 DU International Oak Circle scholarships at the institute. The scholarship recognizes fraternity involvement, general volunteer service, academic achievement, and other factors.

A scholarship provided by chapter alumnus Howard Kahlenbeck, '52, contributed to participation in the institute by chapter member Pete Stevens, and a scholarship provided by chapter alumnus Richard Delano, '85, benefited Alex Trotta. Travel and other costs of attending the institute were funded by the chapter alumni association (house corporation) from funds contributed by alumni and other resources. In addition to the scholarship recipients, the chapter alumni association provided for attendance at the 2008 institute by the following chapter members: Daniel Carson, Alexander Culver, Ryan Duerring, Nicholas Fisher, Justin Shukas, and Jordan Youklis.

Some Little 500 history: 1968

A group of black students committed to achieving racial justice through nonviolent means was already in existence at Indiana University Bloomington by the spring of 1968. But the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., galvanized black activism on campus. Leaders of the Afro-American Students Association refocused their agenda in homage to King, forming the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. The committee demanded that the university end racial inequity on campus by recruiting more black students and faculty, waiving entrance exams and creating more scholarships for black students, introducing black studies curriculum, appointing a black human relations officer, and refusing to condone fraternities' and sororities' racist membership clauses. It was the last point that black activists chose to protest by staging a sit-in at the Little 500, the annual inter-Hellenic bike race.

For 38 hours beginning May 8, 50 black students sat on the stadium's field under a makeshift shelter in the rain, while university officials negotiated with national heads of Greek organizations. Ultimately, all but one fraternity agreed to eliminate their discriminatory policy, and the teams — minus one — were allowed to compete. In recent years, an all African-American team — Major Taylor United — has been a serious contender in the Little Five, while an all-Latina team, Mezcla, has competed in the women's race, added in 1988.

Little 500 success!

On April 21, the DU Little 500 bike team closed out an extremely successful race season with a sixth-place finish in the 2007 Little 500 race and second place among fraternity contestants. From their 22nd starting position, the team moved to the front of the pack and ran with the race leaders for the entire race until a late wreck left the team gapped from the leaders. The move from 22nd to a sixth-place finish was the largest move in the race, and the team was rewarded with the "Dixie Highway Trophy" for this fine performance. David Richardson-Rossbach was given a "Rookie of the Year" award. Five DU riders were in the top

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2007 DU Little 500 team, from left: Steve Tratar, Matt Streit, David Richardson-Rossbach, and Bill Colbert

