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"I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth"
~Sigma Chi Creed, George Ade ΔΔ 1887

Delta Delta Celebrates Historic Milestones

Historic Event, Major Achievement Bring Brothers Together
Give Delta Delta alumni and undergraduate brothers a reason to get together to celebrate an historic event and a major achievement and you are certain to have a great time.

With over 200 alumni and sweethearts returning the weekend of September 13 – 15, the chapter celebrated two significant milestones. The first was the 100th Anniversary of the Chapter House that was built in 1912 and dedicated in 1913. The House Corporation also took this opportunity to close out the 10 year fund raising and building campaign to **Secure the Future of Delta Delta**. The result was the largest, most successful chapter house renovation project ever undertaken by any Greek organization. This campaign raised \$7.4 million through the contributions of over 800 alumni brothers and friends of Delta Delta.

"Return to 202" Reception

Almost 100 brothers and sweethearts returned to the Delta Delta chapter house on Friday evening to mingle and relive stories from their earlier years. With a full bar, shrimp cocktail and other hors d'oeuvres everyone was treated to a nice evening. The Classes of '73 and '83 both returned to commemorate their 40th and 30th reunions respectively.

Lunch on the Front Lawn Under the Tent

On Saturday a lunch of ribs, pulled pork and barbeque chicken, along with plenty of liquid refreshments, was served on Delta Delta's front lawn under a large tent to over 200 guests. Special thanks to Jim Vrugink and Hoosier Daddy BBQ for doing such an outstanding job.

Centennial Celebration

The Centennial Celebration program held in the Great Hall was the highlight of the weekend gathering. With former Grand Consul Keith Krach '79 serving as master of ceremonies, the program recounted our long history at 202 Littleton St. and served as a fitting venue to close out the renovation campaign. Brothers of multiple eras recalled their days at Delta Delta and brought smiles and tears to those in attendance.

Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim Dora '58 and Harold Force '73 spoke of the challenges and remarkable generosity of our Delta Delta brothers to raise the funds and renovate the 94 year old (at the time) chapter house. The culmination of the campaign was burning the mortgage in the Great Hall fireplace.

Ross Ade Tailgate

Following the festivities at the chapter house, the brothers and their guests headed for the Delta Delta tailgate party located outside Ross Ade Stadium. In preparation for the big game with Notre Dame, the brothers and their guests discussed game strategy, visited with Purdue University President Mitch Daniels, and consumed lots of food and beverages. Our thanks to Jeff and Dixie McKean for organizing this great event.

Notre Dame 31, Purdue 24

The Boiler faithful then headed for Ross Ade stadium where Purdue took on Notre Dame in a nationally televised night game. It was a great game with tremendous spirit. The Boilermakers just came up a little short in the end.

Many to Thank

This event took the combined effort of many brothers. The Centennial Celebration Committee of Jim Vrugink ZP '70, Jeff McKean '86, Phil Steele '77, Bernie Sergesketter '58, Brandon Cortez '11, Bart Burrell '80, Butch Brose '09 and Greg Burns '14 contributed many hours to organizing, promoting and pulling off this event. In addition a number of undergraduates along with Greg Burns assisted significantly. These included Frank Speek '15, Spencer Swartz '14, J.T. Wirtz '15, Max Fischer '15 and Alex Dexeus '15, as well as many others who helped prepare the house for our alumni's return. Thanks to all who helped out in so many ways.

A Perfect Weekend



Brothers from the Class of '58 (L-R) Harry Thompson, Bob Elsperman, George Valoras and Doug Streff.



Catching up at the Friday night reception were (L-R) Steve Blickenstaff '76, Phil Steele '77, Dave Moss '76, Richard Haehl '76 and Dave Heiliger '75.



(L-R) Carol and Mark Lester '75 with Sandy and Scott Haynes '47 at the Delta Delta reception.



Brothers from the Class of '08 made their return to 202. (L-R) Paul Willmann, Dan Delansky, Matt Harkins, Chris Home, Nick Naber, Pete Byerly, and Sean Kibbe.



Everything about this weekend seemed to come off perfectly. The weather was beautiful, the chapter house sparkled, the food was great and everything ran on time. For the many generations of brothers who returned it all made for a wonderful celebration of Delta Delta's inspiring history. Bernie Sergesketter '58 summed it up, "The weekend was really great it exceeded expectations!!!"



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