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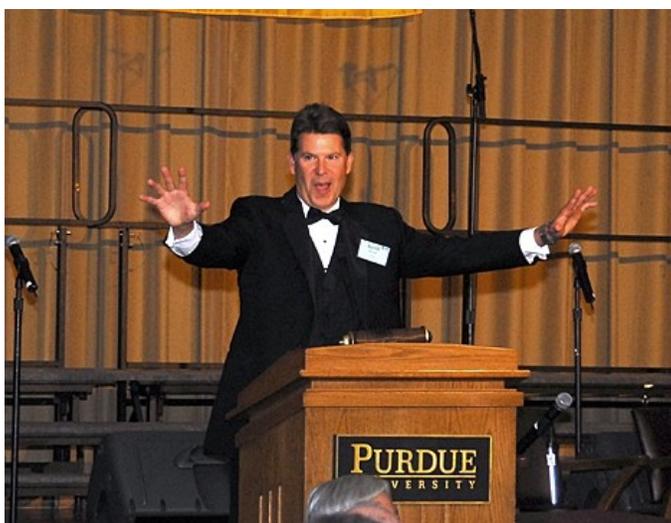
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## Chapter House Rededicated To Brotherhood



Master of Ceremonies Keith Krach '79 (L) hosted the Dedication Gala Dinner, while Bernie Sergesketter '58 (R, standing) asked Significant Sigs Gerald Hines '46 (L, seated) and William Canfield '61 to reflect on some of their Delta Delta memories.

After four years of planning, three years of fund raising, and 14 months of construction, the doors were “officially” opened at 202 Littleton Street with the unbelievably inspiring Re-Dedication Gala held on October 12 and 13 in West Lafayette. With almost 400 brothers, spouses and guests in attendance the weekend was a true testimony to the spirit of Sigma Chi that lives within each of us and the commitment of so many brothers.

The celebration kicked off with the Re-Dedication Celebration Dinner held at the Purdue Memorial Union. Master of Ceremonies Keith Krach '79 hosted us through an evening of reflecting on the past and looking to the future. Special guests for the eve-

ning were Purdue President Dr. France Cordova and her husband, Chris Foster; Grand Consul Robert Jones and other Sigma Chi leaders, Greg Harbaugh, Bill Bringham Sr., and Bill Bringham Jr.; and two former International Sweethearts.

The evening included a 1937 film clip of George Ade and John T. McCutcheon followed by remarks by Grand Consul Jones and President Cordova, who was named an honorary Sweetheart of Sigma Chi by Brother Krach. Both noted Sigma Chi's illustrious history at Purdue and the contributions Sigma Chi continues to make to our university, communities and country. Grand Consul Citations were pre-

sented to Bernie Sergesketter, Jim Dora, Harold Force and Tim Maloney for their leadership of the fund raising and building campaigns. Dinner guests also were entertained by the Purdue Glee Club who performed several Sig songs and concluded with the Sweetheart song.

Special thanks are in order for Corby Thompson '81 who made the arrangements and coordinated the complete weekend celebration. A number of actives and pledges chipped in to make sure all the events went smoothly. Leading the way were undergraduates Paul Willmann, Travis Iles, Sheldon Ault, Tyler Ohlmansiek, and Matt Gadus.

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## THE SIGMA CHI CREED

I believe in fairness, decency, and good manners. I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth. I will try to make my college, the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and my own chapter more honored by all men and women and more beloved and honestly respected by our own brothers. I say these words in all sincerity that Sigma Chi has given me favor and distinction: that I will endeavor to so build myself and so conduct myself that I will ever be a credit to our Fraternity.

George Ade ΔΔ 1887

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## Consul's Corner . . . . . Chris Horney '08

Brothers, life is getting back to normal again at 202 Littleton Street. After 4 long hard years of work, two transitions, and a lot of headaches and heartaches, we are finally back and getting into the swing of things. The fire is burning again in the Great Hall, gentlemen are hitting the bricks in the Dining room, and the brothers feel like they are at home again. While not everything is the same, this new facility has really helped us out in so many ways. Keeping the memorable rooms from the old house, while improving on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, has allowed the brothers to have the best the 21<sup>st</sup> century can offer. With all that being said, we can finally stop putting the focus on the facility and back on the activities and our activities at Purdue.

The brothers accomplished another great year of recruitment. After two tough years of recruitment, one convincing young men to move into a facility they haven't seen, another convincing them that this isn't our permanent facility and that 202 would be amazing, this year has been easy by comparison. With over 350 guys walking through the doors at 202, we ended up choosing 27 young men that we are extremely proud and excited to have. Ranging from southern California to Rhode Island, we have a very diverse and talented group of young men. Pledgeship is underway and in due time, we will have 27 newly initiated brothers that are tremendously excited to become brothers and experience what they have heard about as they took part in the Dedication Weekend and Homecoming events.

Finally, as my term wraps up in the next couple of weeks, I would like to personally thank every alumnus

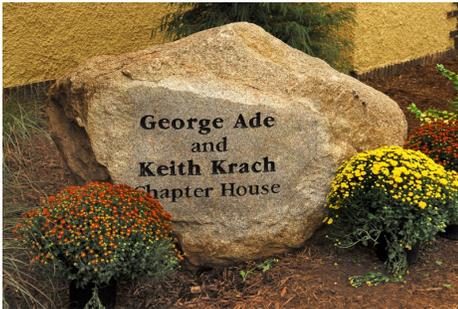
that took their time, money, or both to give back to the chapter and renovation. My experience coordinating the move from the Annex back to the house, addressing the bumps in the road as they occurred, to all the meetings that I sat in on over the past two years, has really helped me better understand the breadth of what "Sigma Chi" is.

Sigma Chi can mean a myriad of different things to all of us, but to me it is about knowing the obligation that we voluntarily took upon ourselves to pledge to be better men in all aspects of our lives. For me personally, Sigma Chi has been about improving myself and growing as a person. I believe I surrounded myself with people that are smarter and more well-rounded than I am, with the hopes that some of their qualities would rub off on me. This is something we stressed in pledgeship and it still remains true in my life today. Also, after meeting numerous alumni and interacting with all of the brothers in the chapter, as well as my pledge brothers during pledgeship, I have learned something that Socrates said to be so very true. He said, "The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." I have had to rely on many brothers in all aspects of my term in order to get the chapter to where it needs to be, but I also cannot take near the credit that has been given to me for what has happened in the past year. The strong arms around me are the true pillars that we all rest upon. In conclusion, I am forever indebted to Sigma Chi and the brothers that I have met and haven't yet had the chance to meet. As a result I have had many doors opened to me as well as making my life a much better one than it was when I came to Purdue four years ago.

## Ade - Krach Chapter House Welcomes Sigs, Guests

The novelist Thomas Wolfe once wrote, "You Can't Go Home Again." "He was wrong" Stu Pritchard '43 noted, "On my long drive from western Montana, I felt not only "Back Home Again In Indiana" but really back home again at 202 Littleton where my Dad entered on his return from France of WW I, and as I did 20 years later. I really enjoyed all of the meaningful festivities that you and our brothers put together. And I would like to express my plaudits to all those who had a hand in putting on this wonderful celebration of our chapter."

Indeed it was a great weekend with beautiful weather for Saturday's Re-Dedication ceremonies led by Bruce Harreld '73. With the setting in front of the west entrance portico, Brother



Harreld covered some of the significant events leading up to this day and Grand Consul Bob Jones noted how Delta Delta had set fund raising and construction goals far beyond what any other fraternity chapter had sought to do .... and then exceeded them. But the real message was how deeply those who had lived within these walls had felt toward their undergraduate Sigma Chi experience. It was because of what they learned, the friendships they had made, and the bonds they had formed that they felt compelled to give back on such a scale to the fraternity of their youth.

A mounted, chrome plated shovel from the ground breaking was pre-

sented to Consul Chris Horney '08 and the Class of '79 also took the opportunity to recognize their pledge brother Keith Krach for his years of service to Sigma Chi and Delta Delta.

The Class of '77 (with 17 members in attendance and celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion) then "officially" dedicated the George Ade and Keith Krach Chapter House by christening the etched rock by breaking a bottle of champagne over it.

Activities then moved into the chapter house where a special Honor Ceremony was held in the Great Hall. Brothers William Canfield '61 and Harold Force '73 were presented Significant Sig awards and Phil Steele '77 was honored with the Order of Constantine and Chapter Advisor of the Year awards. Brother Canfield received his certificate from Jim Dora with comments from Butch Waller. Greg Harbaugh presented Brother Force with his Significant Sig certificate with Mark Sand remarking on his pledge brothers many accomplishments. Keith Krach and Steve Sturman did the honors for Brother Steele. Along with some very funny and touching comments the Great Hall was filled with the sounds of the brothers singing a number of Sig songs. The Honor Ceremony ended with the lighting of the first fire in the Great Hall fireplace.

At this time the wives departed for a luncheon at the Lafayette Country Club and the brothers held their own lunch at the chapter house. The undergraduates then performed segments of the ritual and were inspired by



Bruce Harreld '73 served as Master of Ceremonies at the Chapter House Dedication Ceremonies on October 13, 2007.

the performance of Constantine done by John Coles Harrison, Jr. '73.

The evening concluded with a cook out on the front lawn of the chapter house where all the brothers had a chance to reflect on Friday's and Saturday's activities. During this event the undergraduate consuls involved during this campaign Drew Brinkoetter, Tyler Haehl, Chris Kutanovski, and Chris Horney were recognized. Mark Carlson '82 did a nice job of MCing the festivities. Part of which was an auction to raise additional money for the campaign. Overall throughout the day another \$350,000 was raised.



Consul Chris Horney '08 (L) and Will Burgman '08 receive a Groundbreaking Shovel from Bruce Harreld '73.

To conclude the evening the "young at heart" took over and the celebration continued in the new Activity Room.

## GIMLET TRADITION CONTINUES AT DELTA DELTA

Since 1922, Purdue has hosted a unique organization dedicated to spirit and Boiler athletics. Members of the Gimlet Club cheer on the Boilermaker teams on the sidelines while sporting their signature Purdue button-ups. They can be seen dropping for pushups following every Boiler touchdown. "As an organization, Gimlet has some important roles and functions, mostly in support of Boilermaker athletic teams," says Jim Vrugink, Gimlet advisor and Sigma Chi alumnus. As with most significant campus organizations, Sigma Chi has held a consistent presence in Gimlet. Currently, seniors Thomas Jeschke, Joseph Zerbo, Matthew Clark, Patrick O'Keefe, and Chris Horney participate. Chris Horney currently acts as the organization's vice president. With these brothers, Sigma Chi boasts the highest membership of any fraternity in Gimlet. The club also has a reputation of attracting successful and active students, such as Joseph Zerbo, member of the 2007 Homecoming Court. According to Zerbo, "Gimlet gives a great opportunity to meet other Purdue Greeks, and offers a chance to be a part of Purdue tradition." Part of that tradition involves ringing the old campus bell after every Boiler victory. But aside from the tradition, the Gimlet crew generally is known for having a great time celebrating Purdue athletics. "Over the years, the people who have joined Gimlet have had a blast. I think they really enjoy the overall experiences that, in many cases, result in turning casual acquaintances with people from different fraternities and sororities into lifelong friendships," says Vrugink. The Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi hopes to continue its active presence in this unique Purdue organization in the years to come.

## *Class of '77 Returns for Memorable 30th Reunion*

The Class of 1977 held its 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion in conjunction with the Rededication Weekend on October 12 and 13. Seventeen of the 27 members of this pledge class returned for an outstanding weekend of brotherhood and reminiscing. Jim Arthur '77 sent a note saying "It was fabulous spending time with so many true friends for an entire weekend and revisiting great memories and knowing many more are on the horizon. Prior to the weekend I felt like a child with that anticipated feeling before Christmas Day. Much better than that Daisy BB gun I received when I was 9 years old. This past weekend was every bit of what I had envisioned."

Along with the Rededication weekend events the returning pledge brothers squeezed in a round of golf on Friday at Purdue's Kampen course. In some cases their golf skills had improved greatly over 30 years, where for some, they had digressed. The group met for cocktails prior to the Dedication Banquet and had a chance to see some of their long lost pledge brothers for the first time in many years. On Saturday the group found time to gather at Bruno's for a few beers and a lot of catching up.

The highlight of the reunion was orchestrated by John Loop who arranged for the Class of '77 to christen the new chapter house.

This class honored Phil Steele '77 by asking him to announce the "official" opening of the George Ade - Keith Krach Chapter House. The assembled crowd applauded loudly as Brother Loop broke a bottle of champagne on the engraved rock which sits at the front entrance and recognizes George Ade and Keith Krach for their steadfast commitment to Delta Delta.

The Class of '77 also met Saturday evening to raise a toast and pay homage to the Rolling Peanut Pub built originally by pledge brothers Steve Sturman '77 and Tim Byrnes '77 in 1974. The "Peanut" served the social needs of the brothers for the past 32 years and holds special memories for the Class of '77. The former space that housed the Peanut is now the Eldridge Study Room with the new social area part of the Activity Room.

Brother Arthur summed up the reunion of this special class by saying, "I truly believe we are a class that dem-



The Class of '77 celebrated its 30th Reunion at the Dedication Gala on Oct. 13.

onstrates different temperaments, talents and convictions (fortunately those convictions have been misdemeanors). And like Bob Hope used to say "Thanks for the Memories". We're all looking forward to many more to come."

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ..... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

### Canfield Chosen Significant Sig

William Canfield '61 was selected as Delta Delta's 35<sup>th</sup> Significant Sig earlier this year. A graduate from Purdue's school of Electrical Engineering, Bill recently received Purdue's Outstanding Electrical Engineering Award. Bill began his distinguished business career with IBM and has gone on to create several high tech companies including TALX where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer. Bill has also supported a number of philanthropic organizations in the St. Louis area.



'48 **Arthur Strathman Jr.**, has moved to 1012 Cy Ann Dr., Town and Country, MO 63017.

'73 **Thomas Martin** relocated to Toledo, OH area from Dallas with Saint Gobain Vetrotex. Tom and his new bride, Pam, now call home 749

Lost Lakes Dr., Holland, OH 43528.  
Email: tomfmartin@msn.com .

**William J. Baker '76** entered chapter eternal on September 8<sup>th</sup> after a long fight with melanoma. Bill's outgoing nature endeared him to all he met. His pledge brother Don Palmer's eulogy spoke of his love for family, God, his many friends, and golf. A large group of Delta Delta Sigs were in attendance at the funeral with each having their own special memory of Bake. Bill is survived by his wife, Sally, and his two sons, John and Ted.

**Robert Nussmeier '77** has recently been appointed the Chapter Advisor at the Texas A&M Sig chapter. Bob says he has a challenge before him, but he expects that his Delta Delta experience will serve as his model.

**Jeff Early '77** is also contributing his time to working with this chapter with Jeff's son currently the Pro Consul at the Texas A&M chapter. Words of support can be sent to either Bob at RobertNussmeier@aol.com or Jeff at gander77098@yahoo.com.

**John Emhardt '77** writes that he initiated his second son into Sigma Chi last April at DePauw. He now has two sons who are also Brothers. John and his family can be reached at jemhardt@iupui.edu.

'95 **Jason Baker**, and wife, Tiffanie, have a new address at 4436 Willow Wind Ct., Greenwood, IN 46142. Email: bakerjd21@hotmail.com.

'95 **Gavin Philipps** announced the arrival of Lily Katherine on Sept. 21 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long. Congratulations can be sent to Mom and Dad at 7401 Piper Glen Dr., Springfield, IL 62711. Email: Gavin.Philipps@bsci.com.

'04 **Matt Dryden** has a new home at 2219 Soho Bay Ct., Tampa, FL 33606. Email: drydenm@gmail.com.

### Alumni NewsNotes Needed

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## House Corporation Honors Leslie, Poelstra

As part of the Dedication Weekend events the Delta Delta House Corporation recognized the contributions of Brothers Tom Leslie '68 and Dave Poelstra EΩ '72 for their many years of service to the chapter.

Tom Leslie served as President of the House Corporation for almost 20 years and Dave Poelstra has served two "extended" terms as House Corporation Treasurer. Both these active alumni have been instrumental in maintaining the chapter house, managing the collections of rents, and interfacing with the chapter.

Tom's involvement over the years has included active participation in two renovation campaigns, the first in 1988 and the second being our current project. He has been a strong advocate of "self governance" by the chapter, and worked closely with the undergraduates to upgrade the chapter house over the years to meet the student's needs.

Dave has worked closely with the Questers to make sure the chapter's finances stayed on track and that bills, insurance, and taxes were handled properly. With Dave's commitment and follow up the chapter has

stayed financially sound for many years.

Both Tom and Dave were honored with specially engraved plaques noting that "the White Cross of Sigma Chi had gained new luster from their unwavering commitment and unselfish contributions to our Chapter." Both Tom and Dave will remain on the House Corp Board.

### Dedication Gala continued ...

Keith Krach did a masterful job of walking us through the history and challenges of all we have accomplished. He and Bernie Sergesketter also asked some of our notable brothers including Gerald Hines and William Canfield to reflect on their Delta Delta days and their reasons for taking part in the campaign. Keith concluded by answering the question of why do so many alumni give back to Delta Delta? He recited a poem about an old man who built a bridge over a chasm wide and deep even though he had no need to return. And when asked why he did such a thing he replied, "Because there may be a young man who follows my path, and it is for him, that I build this bridge."

### Chapter Eternal

*All Honor To Their Names*

'34 James P. Marshall, Washington, D.C., 2007

'51 C. Thomas Pillichody, Parkersburg, WV, 1-16-07.

### Annual House Corp Meeting Held at Homecoming

The annual House Corporation meeting was held at Homecoming on October 27 in the Chapter House Library. During the meeting updates on House Corporation finances, a facility report, and a recap of alumni relations activities were made. Consul Chris Horney also gave an update on the new pledge class and how the transition into the new house was going.

Elections of Board members were also held. Jim Andrew '71, John Eddy '59, Jeff McKean '86, Todd Kaminski '82, Jim Trachtman '85, Harold Force '73, Bernie Sergesketter '59 and Jim Dora '59 were elected for three year terms. Harold Force was elected President, Scott Brenton, Treasurer, and Jeff McKean, Secretary, of the House Corporation Board.

Special recognition went to retiring board members George Bender '70, Tony D'Eramo '89 and Gavin Philipps '95 for their years of service.

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