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Members of the Class of 1973 return for their 25th reunion.

Picture Perfect Day Greet Homecoming Guests

It was a picture perfect day that awaited all of Delta Delta's returning alumni at this year's Homecoming festivities. The autumn colors were spectacular and the weather perfect as over 200+ Sigs and their families returned to celebrate at 202 Littleton St. The reunion classes of 1958, 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1988 all gathered at their own special events to relive their days at Delta Delta.

The Class of '58 led by Jim Dora hosted a catered dinner at the chapter house Friday night. With a large number of this class returning they had a great time enjoying their 40th Reunion and a meal in the Delta Delta dining hall. Jim Batman '58 wrote "my wife (a Purdue KKT) and I had a great time at the reunion renewing friendships with our classmates and meeting some of the active chapter members. You made us feel very welcome. Thank you all for the hospitality." The Class of '68

held their own 30 year reunion dinner at George Ade's home in Brook, IN. Tom Leslie coordinated this affair and reported that having this event at such a special site always reinforces how important Sigma Chi has been in all their lives. Harold Force and his Class of '73 pledge brothers returned in force for their 25th Reunion to enjoy both the football game and the pre-game activities at the Chapter House.

Doug "Bubba" Hull and Bruce Petit organized the return of the 20 year reunion group which played golf on Friday, partied Friday night and joined everyone at the pre-game activities at the house and then at the football game. The Class of '88 also made it back for their 10 year reunion and had a great time seeing their pledge brothers.

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Paul Hoffman '47 Enters Chapter Eternal

Paul "the Bear" Hoffman ΔΔ'47, one of Purdue's early basketball stars, died Nov., 12 in Baltimore, MD.

Brother Hoffman, a 6'3" forward, remains the only Big Ten player to earn All-America honors four consecutive years and was selected as one of Purdue's 12 all-time best basketball players. He was also the 1947 Big Ten scoring champion.

After graduating from Purdue, Paul played in the fledgling NBA as part of the Basketball Association of America and in 1947-48 his team the Baltimore Bullets won the league championship. Paul was known as the "Bear" for his aggressive, relentless style of play and was selected as the league's first Rookie of the Year following that season.

Brother Hoffman had returned to Purdue this summer to be honored at the John Purdue Club's Basketball Legends game at Mackey Arena. While in West Lafayette Paul visited the chapter house during the golf outing and commented that he still enjoyed coming back. He remarked that the chapter house, "brings back a lot of memories." Paul remembers being initiated on July 23, 1944 in a house on Waldron St. At this time all fraternity and sorority housing had been commandeered by the military as army barracks. The brothers returned to the chapter house in

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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

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Consul's Corner Brad Nihls $\Delta\Delta$ '99

Greetings Brothers,
This semester has been a good one for the men of Delta Delta. August began with the 51st Annual Sigma Chi Leadership Training Workshop at Eastern Kentucky University. Delta Delta was honored to receive for the sixth straight year the Peterson Significant Chapter Award. Delta Delta's academic achievements were also recognized with the Legion of Honor and Daniel William Cooper awards. The Cooper Award is given to one chapter each year that has established an outstanding scholarship program. The chapter also received the Charles G. Ross award for the third time. This award recognizes Sigma Chi's top publications program. Congratulations to Jeff Megraw '00 and Shawn Campbell '00 our chapter editors and Chapter Advisor Phil Steele '77 for all of his time spent developing the Data. Along with myself, the following brothers attended this years workshop: House Corporation President Tom Leslie '68, Andy Wesdorp '00, Scott Everham '00, Brandon Gough '99, Daniel Drewry '00, and Travis Bonnell '01. We would like to congratulate Keith Krach '79, President of the Leadership Training Board, on yet another successful Workshop.

Thanks to the efforts of Trent Bonnell '99 and Kevin Matray '99, Derby Days successfully raised several hundred dollars for the Children's Miracle Network and the Lafayette Boys and Girls Club.

With the end of Derby Days we quickly switched gears and began our focus on Rush. Brandon Gough '99 and Scott Hubbard '00 worked very hard to put together an incredible program this year. Thanks to their efforts, we now have a strong

class of 23 new pledges. I would like to thank Phil Steele '77, Past Grand Consul Richard Hester, Grand Historian Doug Carlson, and Bryce Brumm '95 for participating in our Alumni Night.

This fall also brought a new chapter retreat, designed by Sigma Chi's International headquarters, to Delta Delta. Ryan Roseleip of the headquarters staff led the chapter in two days of discussions and exercises that focussed on those areas within a chapter that need additional emphasis. Delta Delta was chosen as a pilot for this program because it is recognized as one of the top chapters in the country. Upon the conclusion of the retreat several areas of improvement had been identified and a plan defined to work on them. Our national organization now plans to take this program out to other chapters with the intent of helping all chapters fulfill their promise and to attain the ideals that Sigma Chi professes. The program was a success and we benefited from it greatly.

I would also like to thank Metta Grokenberger, Sigma Chi's International Sweetheart, for her visit to Purdue. She spoke with the rushees, and spent the rest of the weekend interacting with the brothers and participating in the chapter retreat. It was an honor to have Metta share her insight on Sigma Chi with us.

Along with another successful Parents Weekend, the chapter started a new tradition with the inception of its first Dad's Day. The day began at the Sig House with a catered lunch then continued on at Ross-Ade as brother Jim Niedrach '99 and Drew
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Brees '01 lead the Boilers to yet another victory. Thanks Dad's!

Homecoming weekend was one to be remembered! There were brothers from all over the country and from many different pledge classes back to visit the chapter this year. The class of '58 held a traditional Delta Delta formal dinner on Friday night. With nearly all of their spring and fall pledge class back to celebrate their 40th reunion, the evening was a tremendous success. I thank you brothers for the chance to share such a memorable evening! The class of '68 was also back to celebrate their 30th reunion, and enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner at George Ade's home on Saturday night. All were at the chapter house for the Saturday morning activities, which proved to be an incredible success. Brother John Wolff '99 put many hours of hard work into the weekend. Thanks, also, to the class of '73, back celebrating their 25th reunion, and the many other pledge classes of the past who shared with the undergraduates the incredible stories of their days at 202 Littleton.

The rest of the semester will continue to be action packed. In November, J. Bruce Herrald '72 and Significant Sig will be back to Purdue for the Old Masters program. We will also be finishing up the football season with the lovely ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta. Finally, in early December we will be preparing the Sig House for yet another Blue Formal.

The end of the fall semester will also mark the end of my term as Consul. I would like to thank Phil Steele '77 and the brothers of Delta Delta for their hard work and exceptional dedication to continuing the success of our chapter. It has been an honor to serve you as Consul.



The Class of '68 returned to celebrate their 30th reunion.

Annual House Corp Meeting Held At Homecoming

The Annual Meeting of the Delta Delta House Corporation met on October 24 and was presided over by President Tom Leslie '68. Treasurer Chris Corrigan '86 reported that with the chapter house continuing to be a capacity we were financially strong. The mortgage currently is approximately \$324,000. Summer repairs focused on replacing roof tiles, cleaning gutters, painting the dining room and cleaning carpets. Additional dining room chairs and a table are on order.

Alumni relations activities were noted. The 8th Annual Golf Outing, Homecoming, and Brotherhood Dinner continue to draw strong support. The Delta Delta Data, our alumni newsletter, was selected as the top alumni publication by Sigma Chi. Phil Steele reported that 504 brothers have contributed \$15,740 in alumni dues.

Chapter Consul Brad Nihls reported on the chapter's activities and expressed the chapter's sincere appreciation for all the support they have received from the House Corp. and alumni.

Class Of '78 Rocks The Night Away

According to Doug Hull '78, "Homecoming was one of the best times I have had since we have been out of school." After 20 years this group returned to Delta Delta and did not seem to miss a beat. Those able to make it back were J.B. Carson, Greg Harbaugh, Kent Heiliger, Bob Keagy, Dave Krumwiede, Kevin McKenny, Steve MacKnight, Bob Montgomery, Bob Perry, Larry Prahin, Jim Stevens, John Stone, Greg Volland and Doug Hull.

Several of the PB's met on Friday for golf and according to Greg Harbaugh, they "tore up the course". But Doug notes that he believes that Greg was being literal. Golf was followed by a party at the Halls where Monty brought his four children, all under the age of 5. Obviously he got started late and is doing his best to repopulate his neighborhood. Doug remarked that, "we all had a lot of fun, and eventually the neighbors joined us, when I learned the outdoor speakers began cranking a little Earth, Wind and Fire about midnight.

The entire group congregated at 202
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Class of '58: Bottom Row: Cherry Sand, Shirley Dora, Sandy Vahle, Penny Trieschmann, Susie Stern, Mary Sergesketter, D'Arcy Elsperman, Diane Streff, Georgia Valaoras. Top Row: Shirley Puzey, Bob Puzey, Ken Kraft, Bill Stern, Don Trieschmann, Jim Dora, Kurt Vahle, Bernie Sergesketter, Bob Elsperman, Doug Streff, George Valaoras, John Sand, Kathy Kraft.

Fall Initiates of Class of '58 Hold 40th Reunion

The fall initiates of the Class of '58 and their Magister celebrated their 40th reunion last May aboard the Royal Caribbean's Sovereign of the Seas cruise ship. This group has been meeting regularly every five years, but this was their first cruise.

The Delta Delta excursion left from Miami with ports of call in Nassau and Coco Cay, Bahamas. Those attending were Jim and Shirley Dora, Bob and Darcy Elsperman, Bob and Shirley Puzey, John and Cherry Sand, Bernie and Mary Sergesketter,

Bill and Susi Stern, Doug and Diane Streff, Don and Penny Trieschmann, Kurt and Sandy Vahle, George and Georgia Valaoras, and Magister Ken Kraft and his wife, Kathy. Unable to attend, but not forgotten, were brothers Bob Bridgman and Frank Hoffman.

Kurt Vahle commented, "Why did we wait such a long time to do something like this. It was a memorable reunion. Everyone enjoyed it immensely."



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1945. Paul also remembered that from 1945-1947 the undergraduates had to bring their ration stamps from home in order to get meat and butter for their meals. He also noted that many Delta Delta brothers suffered from malaria after the war and how he and others would tend to them in the cold-air dorm.

His wife of 44 years, Audrey, stated how important being a Sigma Chi, his Delta Delta brothers and the chapter had been to him.

Chapter Eternal

All honor to their names. . .

James O. "Jimmie" Campbell '46
James Campbell died suddenly while on vacation with his wife in San Antonio on February 1. Jimmie lived most of his life in Trumann, AR, where he committed his time and energy to many local causes. His interests included flying, hunting and fishing, and working with a number of community groups. While at Purdue Jimmie was welter weight boxing champion for two years. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three daughters.

Lucius R. Frye '44
Brother Frye passed away following an extended illness on February 10 in Pensacola, FL. His strong faith and honesty lead him through his life and into the next. Lucius is survived by his wife, Carolyn, two daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Samuel Monteforte '48
Brother Monteforte entered the Chapter Eternal on September 26. He resided in Hollywood, FL.

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'50 **James Hamilton** after retiring from the army reserve and Eli Lilly moved to Florida with his wife, Betty, where they are active in genealogy and numerous hereditary societies. Their new address is 25440 Deep Creek Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33983.

'65 **Thomas "Bart" Barthold** was honored as manager of the Help Desk of the Year (1998) by the International Help Desk Institute for his "best of breed" integration of sound business practices and technology. Recently he has joined Service Management International (SMI) as Director, Help Desk Practice in Foster City, CA. He lives with his wife Mary Ann at 156 Broadmoor Ct., San Anselmo, CA 94960 and still remains a great sports enthusiast. He and Mary Ann have together completed 26 Ironman Triathlons.

'74 **Kim Sermersheim** is a technical manager with Hormigongs & Agregados Rocapuerite in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

'78 **Bob Montgomery** is with Tom James Clothing Co., and is now at their world HQ in Nashville. He is finally working back in his field (MIS) "computers for all you college Grads". Bob and wife, Lawia, have four children (6, 5, 1, and a newborn) and another on the way. Monty and family reside at 4208 Laurenwood Dr. Antioch, TN 37103.

'78 **Mike Schunk** and wife, Kathy, are proud parents of their first child, a son, Christopher Matthew, born 9/15/98. Mike is still selling insurance and financial services in Florida. The Schunk family address is 5281 SW 14th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33317.

'79 **T. Godfrey Mackenzie** announces the birth of their fifth child, a boy, John Mackenzie, born on October 7, 1998. Godfrey would like to hear from any of his PB's who are interested in a 20 year reunion in 1999. Email or write him at 104360.3446@compuserve.com or 514 School St., Kohler, WI 53044.

'80 **Doug Dittrich** has established a new web site for the class of 1980. Send email to Doug in JPG format at the following address: http://home.sprintmail.com/dittrich/DD_SIGMA_CHI.htm. His home is at 2031 Cumbre Ct., Carlsbad, CA 92009.

'86 **Rob Barkett** and his wife, Karla, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Thomas. He joins brothers, Andy, 6, and Matt, 2. Their home is at 1505 Walnut Creek Trail, Mansfield, OH 44906.

'86 **Doug Schreiber** has found a home in Lafayette and when not out scouting future Boilermaker All Americans now resides at 1204 Brick N. Wood Dr., Lafayette, IN 47905.

'86 **Jeffery Witmer** has relocated back home again near Elkhart, IN. Now a District Sales Mgr. with Coachmen RV he covers Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. He is now closer to Purdue and can actually watch the games on TV ! Wit's new address is 53080 Monterey Dr., Bristol, IN 46507.

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Alumni News Notes

'91 David Kolssak is a managing partner with Turnkey Network Systems, Inc. in Wheeling, IL. Dave and his wife, Melissa, reside at 213 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL 60090.

'93 Mike Schleper has accepted a new position with Quantum Corporation as Manager of Operations at their Louisville, CO plant. Mike currently lives five blocks from Coors field and all Delta Delta brothers are welcome to come by and visit, or see a ballgame. His new address is 1499 Blake St. #4U, Denver, CO 80202.

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Littleton St. on Saturday for the pre-game fire-up and they all sat together at the game. It was such a great time, nobody wanted to leave. In fact, the Class of '78 has begun making plans for a Arizona golf outing in 2000.



The Spring Pledge of 1955 (picture taken January 1955): Bottom Row: Bob Elsperman, Bernie Sergesketter, Frank Hoffman, George Valaoras, John Sand, Kurt Vahle. Top Row: Dirk Young, Doug Streff, Jim Dora, Bill Stern, Don Trieschmann, Fred McKinney (Brothers Young and McKinney have gone on to Chapter Eternal).

'95 Brent Skelton tied the knot with Tamara Hainje last February. They now make their home at 3507 Round Rock Cir., Lafayette, IN 47905.

'97 Sean Kelly and new wife, Linda Rouse, were married in June. The new couple resides at 5 Rivers Lane, Wakefield, MA 01880.

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Special thanks for putting together such a great event goes to John Wolf '99, Alumni Relations Chairman, who coordinated the days activities and to Nancy, our cook, for preparing much of the food.

Having so many reunion groups back this year made for a great couple of days. It was evident from the warmth and friendship shown that everyone who returned truly experienced the meaning of life-long friendships.

We look forward to all the reunion groups returning to Delta Delta again next year.

We Need To Hear From You!

The Brothers of Delta Delta welcome your correspondence. Send your news updates on births, moves, promotions, honors, reunions to Delta Delta c/o the Chapter Editors at 202 Littleton St., W. Lafayette, IN 47906.

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