



Delta Delta Data

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Present at the Robert McCray Memorial dedication were L-R, Front: Carla, Graham and Calais Klink, R. Bernardin, J. Pierce, B. Fish, D. Burt. 2nd Row: D. Dietrich, M. Spooner, J. Kauffinen, R. Lester, M. Campbell, J. Rush. 3rd Row: G. McKenzie, J. MacDonald, S. Kaminski, F. Faist, T. Palmer, R. L. Berry, D. Montgomery.

CLASS OF '80 HONORS MEMORY OF BROTHER McCRAY AT 20TH REUNION

The highlight of Homecoming 2000 was the 20th Reunion of the Class of '80. Eighteen members of one of Delta Delta's most closely-knit classes returned to renew their close friendships and to honor the memory of their pledge brother Robert McCray who passed away in 1993. During this special weekend Lafayette area brothers Jim Rush and Jim MacDonald hosted this group. Friday evening the group met and partied at the Rush's as they caught up on old times. Saturday the Class of '80 met at

202 Littleton for a pregame fire-up before heading over the Ross Ade Stadium. Following the game the 20 year class reconvened at the Chapter House to dedicate a memorial to Brother McCray. This monument will serve as a street marker and a continuous reminder of the spirit of brotherhood that bonds this class together. John Pierce orchestrated this memorial service that also included Brother McCray's wife, Carla, and his two daughters, Graham and Calais.

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House Corporation Announces Mortgage Burning Campaign

At its annual Homecoming meeting Delta Delta House Corporation President Tom Leslie '68 announced plans to conduct a fund raising campaign that will eliminate the current mortgage on the chapter house. The goal of this program is to raise \$330,000 over the next six months. This campaign was the result of input received from a group of brothers in attendance at Delta Delta's 125th Anniversary gathering this summer. As a group of 50 or more brothers reflected on the chapter's future, it was evident that our venerable 88 year-old chapter house was in need of significant refurbishing. The consensus of the group was to 1.) Create a short-term campaign to retire the current mortgage, and 2.) Develop a comprehensive plan to review our future options for the chapter house.

An initial walk through of the chapter house by an architect has already taken place and a preliminary assessment should be presented in the next few weeks. The goal of the architectural review is determine how we can best upgrade the

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This campaign will be conducted with a minimum of fanfare and expense. Through the generosity of one brother a fund has been established that will match each dollar contributed to our "mortgage burning" campaign. This effectively doubles each dollar contributed by a Delta Delta brother. So when you receive the House Corporation's mailing please consider giving generously. Let's make sure the spirit of Sigma Chi moves boldly into the new millennium.

Delta Delta House Corporation Report

The Delta Delta House Corporation held its annual meeting on September 27 at Homecoming. Updates on the House Corporation's activities were presented by Tom Leslie '68, House Corp. President, Phil Steele '77, Chapter Advisor, and Travis Bonnell '01, Consul. Tom reported on the work done on the chapter house over the summer in preparation for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. This included refinishing the Great Hall and Dining Room floors; painting walls in the dining room, entrance foyer and balcony; replaced lighting, ceiling tiles and the stools in the Ladies Head; rebuilt closets in rooms 1, 13, 14 and 15; painted the outside window frames on the west and south sides of the house; and repaired the Great Hall fireplace.

Phil Steele reported on the Alumni Relations efforts. These included publishing three Delta Delta Datas, and hosting the Brotherhood Dinner and Homecoming. The 2000 Alumni Dues campaign netted \$16,137 from contributions by 461 brothers.

Consul Travis Bonnell noted that there are 65 undergraduates living in the house this semester with another 12 living out-of-house. The chapter also recently inducted a pledge class of 26 young men. Scholarship standing had also significantly improved over the past semester as the chapter moved to 15th out of a total of 42 fraternities.

The House Corporation also elected two new members to the House Corporation Board -- Tony D'Eramo '89 and Bob Burlas '86.



Delta Delta Horizon's participants L-R: Brian Craig '98, Mustafa Jamal '02, Dean Seeger '02, Brad Nihls '99.

HORIZONS WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHT OF BROTHERS' SUMMER

This summer Delta Delta brothers Dean Seeger '02 and Mustafa Jamal '02 got the opportunity of a lifetime when they were chosen to attend Sigma Chi's Horizons workshop. Horizons is a leadership and character development program that is open to all undergraduate Sigma Chi's from every international chapter. Brothers Seeger and Jamal were among the lucky 128 brothers selected to attend this year.

Horizons was conducted in two sessions, both in early July and Brothers Seeger and Jamal were fortunate enough to get space in the same session. The program was held at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort outside Salt Lake City, Utah. Our Delta Delta brothers spent a week in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains where they had the opportunity to learn and grow as character/value based individuals as well as leaders.

Delta Delta alumni Keith Krach '79, James Cole '98, Brian Craig '98 and Brad Nihls '99, also participated in Horizons this year as facilitators. The undergraduate brothers were placed in groups of 7-8 with one facilitator assigned to each group. The program itself was very intense. Each day, the groups went through challenging exercises that pushed them out of their comfort zones as individuals and as a team. Later in the day, the team would meet with their facilitator and discuss what they learned as well as give each other feedback.

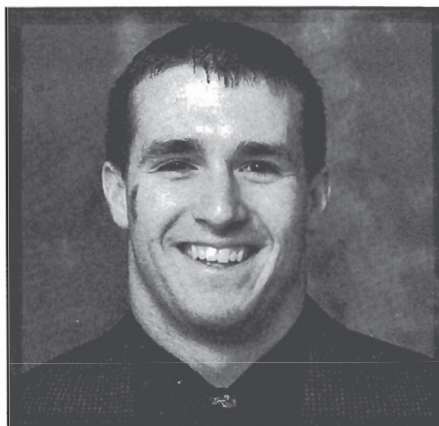
Highlights of the week were when teams tackled a high ropes course and when we all took a tram ride to the top of one of the highest peaks in the Wasatch range. As each brother sat and watched the sun set they exchanged jokes and told stories of brotherhood and what they hoped to accomplish in the future.

Both brothers Jamal and Seeger feel they will be forever indebted to Sigma Chi for this amazing experience from which they have greatly benefited and learned so much.

BREES '01 LEADS BOILERMAKERS

Sixty four yard touchdown pass; 1:55 remaining on the clock; Purdue 31, Ohio State 27. With three TD passes and 455 passing yards, this last minute victory typified the Drew Brees we have all come to know and appreciate. His never-say-die attitude was never more evident following his fourth interception which was returned to the Purdue 2 yard line. Ohio State took the lead at 27 - 24 with only 2:10 remaining in the game. Fifteen seconds later Drew found the streaking Seth Morales (the son of Tom Morales '75) with a 64 yard strike that clinched the victory and kept Purdue on top of the Big Ten and in the running for its first Rose Bowl appearance since Bob Griese led the Boilers to Pasadena in 1967.

Drew Brees '01 has shown both on and off the gridiron that he is the consummate player and person that all Sigma Chi's can be very proud of. With all of his All Big Ten and All American recognition, Drew's selection as the first recipient of the Socrates Award, demonstrates best his commitment to his sport, his education, his community and his fraternity. This award is given to the college athlete who best embodies "mens sana in corpore sano" or "strong mind in a strong body". Drew's football accomplishments through the Ohio State game include Purdue career marks in pass attempts (1567); pass completions (957); completion percentage (.611); passing yards (11,022); passing touchdowns (86); and total offense (11,836). His numbers for pass attempts, pass completions, passing yards, passing touchdowns and total offense are also Big Ten



Drew Brees ΔΔ '01

records. Drew has also rushed for 13 TD's and caught two TD passes for a total of 101 touchdowns to date. In his march to the top of Purdue's record book, Drew has displaced fellow Delta Delta brothers Mark Herrmann and Jim Everett in each category. Herrmann noted in a recent Indianapolis Star article that, "You can't pass the baton to any better guy than Drew Brees". With Delta Delta's lineage of great quarterbacks, Bob DeMoss, Bob Griese, Herrmann and Everett, Drew commented in the same Star article, "It became funny: guys would say, 'Look you become a Sig and all this happens'". If Drew wins the Heisman Trophy he would accomplish something his esteemed peer group has not. Griese finished 2nd in 1966, Herrmann 4th in 1980, and Everett 7th in the 1985 Heisman balloting.

Drew has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the School of Management and leads the Gentle Giants program at Klondike Elementary School. In addition he has given his time to the American Heart Assn.'s Stop Smoking campaign, the United Way, and numerous local speaking engagements. Although he does not live in the chapter house, Drew eats lunch at the house several times a week and attends many of

Brother McCray continued Brother Pierce remarked, "We dedicate this marker in honor of our only fallen member, Robert Caniff McCray. His effervescent smile began brightening our lives 24 years ago, and he continues to smile down on us from heaven. We adorn this marker today with a single white rose, the flower of Sigma Chi, to symbolize the purity of Rob's spirit and the enduring unity of our class."

In a special book of letters and photographs that reflected on their Delta Delta days with Brother McCray, it becomes evident that Rob's warm smile, caring manner and willingness to help had left an indelible impression on each of them. One brother noted, "Everyone, Everyone, liked Rob." Rob's wife, Carla, wrote that "there is no way I can thank you enough for all the work each of you put into honoring Robert. I tell the girls about their Dad. I have explained to them many times that not everyone that passes on is loved and missed by so many people. They were too young to remember the tributes given at the time of his death. I kept thinking the other night what a thrill that Robert would have had to know that his kids were playing with the kids of the brothers that he grew up with in college. We can not thank you enough."

the social functions. More importantly he says when he wants to be with good friends he heads for 202 Littleton Street. For Brother Brees we all wish him the best as he completes his collegiate career and may he continue to exemplify the ideals of the White Cross.

ALUMNI ON THE GO ...**Keith Krach Chosen As Entrepreneur of the Year**

Ariba, Inc. co-founder, chairman and CEO Keith Krach '79 was recognized on June 23 for his entrepreneurial spirit, creativity, and leadership in the business to business industry as the recipient of the Northern California Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the eBusiness category. Keith was recognized for his role in leading Ariba, which is widely regarded as the leader in the Business to Business eCommerce arena. Keith credits much of his success to what he learned during his undergraduate days at Delta Delta where he served as Consul. He states that many of his management techniques he uses today are based on the values he acquired from Sigma Chi. Keith has remained active with the Fraternity serving for five years as head of the Leadership Training Board.

'40 **Walter Mytinger** is fully retired and now resides in a retirement home located at 213 S. Paint St., Chillicothe, OH 45601.

ALUMNI ON THE GO ...

'64 **Clyde W. Halstead** is Director of Windsor Equipment and Consulting. Bill can be found at 6089 Clubhouse Ln, Wescosville, PA 18106. Email: windsoreq@aol.com.

'65 **Thomas Barthold** and wife, Mary Ann, now call home 1470 Lee Mountain Rd., Sedona, AZ 86351. Email: bart@tbarthold.com.

'77 **Brian Ortman**, wife, Cindy, and their two daughters relocated to 6634 Coldstream Dr., New Market, MD 21774. Orty is a U.S. Air Force Major and an infectious disease analyst at the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center. Brothers come visit!! Email: hogbristle@aol.com.

'77 **Steve Sturman** has been elected to be the First Vice President of the Culver Summer Schools Board of Directors. Sturmo previously served on the board and as Marketing and Admissions Chairperson. Any brothers wanting information concerning the summer or winter programs at the Culver

ALUMNI ON THE GO ...

Military Academy can contact Steve at 4520 Liberty Rd., Delaware, OH 43015. Email: SturmanCo@aol.com.

'83 **Jay Smith** recently assumed the position of president and chief executive officer of MBAH Insurance in Lafayette, IN. Jay had been serving as vice president of operations since 1992. The American Institute for CPCU has also awarded him the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter. Jay is active in numerous community activities including the Daybreak Rotary Club, the Museums at Prophetstown, and the Purdue Athletic Advisory Council. Jay, wife Rita, and their two sons reside at 1909 Shenandoah Ct., Lafayette, IN 47905. Email: Jsmith@MBAH.com.

'86 **Jeffery A. Witmer** has a new position with Compucom Systems as a client solutions executive based in Indianapolis. Compucom is a provider of global IT solution services and consulting. Jeff's new *See Alumni News Page 6*

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address is 53080 Monterey Dr., Bristol, IN 46507. Email: Jwittmer@compucom.com. Jeff says give him a call and let's go golfing!

'91 **Matt Tigchelaar** has started working as an emergency department physician at St. Vincent Hospitals. He has relocated to 6177 Rosslyn Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Email: matt-tig@rocketmail.com.

'92 **Don Sondermann** married Kristen Boysen in March and was recently promoted after two years with Omron Electronics to Product Marketing Manager. Don and his new bride also purchased a new home and now reside at 6557 N. Oconto Ave., Chicago, IL 60631. Email: donsondo@aol.com.

'93 **Guerin A. Bernardin III** recently received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. G.A. is now completing his post doctoral training in Chicago and can be reached at 869 W.

Buena St. Apt. 501, Chicago, IL 60613. Email: GAB1855@aol.com.

'94 **Scott Shelton** has taken a position with Cooper Industries in Houston, TX in the planning department evaluating mergers and acquisitions. Scott welcomes all visitors at his new home at 3107 Willow Wood Trail, Kingwood, TX 77345.

Email: sashelt_27@yahoo.com

It is our pleasure to report that **William R. Smoot III '69** was mistakenly reported to have entered Chapter Eternal. Bill is alive and well and can be found at 556 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708, where he is teaching literature and philosophy at a local prep school.

'47 **Robert M. Andersen**, Burr Ridge, IL, died on August 29th. Robert's wife of 54 years, Dottie, wrote that they both had many wonderful memories of their days at Purdue and Sigma Chi. Bob was President of the Andersen Insurance Agency.

CHAPTER ETERNAL
All Honor To Their Name . . .

John Isaacs, Jacksonville, FL, 2000

'28 **Richard L. Miller**, Sarasota, FL, 10/19/1999

'33 **John G. Astrom**, Orlando, FL, 2000

'39 **Perry H. Crane**, Saratoga, CA, 8/31/97

'41 **Charles F. Martin**, entered Chapter Eternal on September 23. Charles graduated from Purdue in 1941 and attended Harvard Business School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He began his career at the Miami Fertilizer Co., before becoming the owner of Scarff-Martin Seed Co. He was active in numerous local organizations and was honored by the Rotary Club of Dayton, OH as a Paul Harris fellow.

'48 **Samuel Monteforte**, Hollywood, FL, 2000

'85 **Christopher Biuckie**, Dana Point, CA, 1999

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