



# Delta Delta Data

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## James Dora '58 Honored As Delta Delta's 25th Significant Sig

In a ceremony befitting the loyalty, caring and brotherhood of Sigma Chi and the Class of 1958, Jim Dora was presented the Significant Sig Award on September 16 at the Delta Delta chapter house. Because of the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup> several of Jim's pledge class were unable to attend, but sent their best wishes and several plan to see Jim at the Notre Dame game in December. This event which was orchestrated by Bob Puzey '58 and Bernie Sergesketter '58 with the help of several other pledge brothers, Sigs and family, honored Jim for his significant contributions to the hospitality industry, his community and Purdue University.

Jim's leadership at General Motels Corporation has led to him serving as President of the International Association of Holiday Inns Worldwide, on the boards of directors of Indianapolis's Corporate Community Council, Indianapolis Downtown, Inc., American Life Insurance Co., Bank One Indiana, and the Mayflower Corporation. Jim has also given generously of his time to Purdue where he served on the Industry Advisory Board, as chairman of the President's

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Delta Delta's mortgage burns in the hand of House Corporation Treasurer Dave Poelstra as Keith Krach '79 looks on.

## Mortgage, Sigs Fire-Up At Homecoming '01

The match was lit and the mortgage burned at Homecoming 2001. Consul Dean Seeger '02, House Corp. President Tom Leslie '68, and Campaign Chairman Phil Steele '77 served as masters-of-ceremonies at the Mortgage Burning celebration that recognized the many Delta Delta brothers for their generous contributions. Overall \$322,000 was raised with 352 alumni contributing. Brothers donating ranged from George Vyverberg '30, a Sig for close to 75 years and who walked the halls of Delta Delta when our chapter house was but 15 years old, to Keith Krach '79 whose matching funds and additional contributions totaled \$185,000. It was an exciting moment when Brother Krach presented his check to Tom Leslie. In appreciation the brothers presented Keith with a framed print of the chapter house and a heartfelt letter of thanks.

Once the speeches were completed the time finally arrived when House Corporation Treasurer Dave Poelstra stepped in front of the Great Hall fireplace and pulled out "the mortgage". Brother Poelstra held the document high as Brother Krach did the honors and set the mortgage aflame to the rousing approval and applause of the many alumni, friends and family present.

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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.

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## Consul's Corner . . . . . Dean Seeger '02

Delta Delta began the year by once again being recognized as one of Sigma Chi's leading chapters by receiving the Peterson Significant Chapter Award at this year's Bal-four Leadership Training Workshop (BLTW) held at Ball State University. At BLTW brothers Pete Carroll, Kevin Clark, John Glon, and Dean Seeger learned more about their chapter leadership positions and also how to more effectively manage our time and focus our improvement efforts. Scholarship and campus involvement are areas of emphasis this year.

Pro Consul John Glon, also attended Sigma Chi's Horizons Leadership Program at Snowbird, Utah. While there Brother Glon learned more about himself and how to strength his leadership skills. I can already see the affect that the program has had on John. Having gone to both Horizons and BLTW, I must say that these are great programs that only get better and better. Our International organization does a tremendous job of preparing undergraduates to run a chapter.

In September we inducted 27 men into our pledge program. They are a strong group that I foresee doing great things for the chapter.

On September 16 the Significant Sig Award was presented to Jim Dora '58. It was truly a great experience meeting brothers from the Class of '58 and their sweethearts. We are all very proud of Brother Dora's accomplishment and glad to have his picture placed on the library wall with the 24 other Delta Delta Significant Sigs.

Homecoming was a great success as the mortgage was burned in the

Great Hall fireplace with a room full of brothers, their families and friends looking on. Brother Keith Krach '79 was recognized for his generous donations to the chapter. The Friday evening before Homecoming was a great time as well. Undergraduate brothers and alumni congregated in the Great Hall and got the chance to socialize with each other. Many stories were told and all in all it was a great brotherhood experience. At halftime of the football game all the brothers cheered on Ben Liebert '02 as he represented Delta Delta on Purdue's Homecoming court.

In early November, we began our 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of running the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball league. This is one way that Sigma Chi contributes to our local community and gives us an opportunity to set a good example for the young boys who take part in the league.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> the chapter house will be turned into a winter paradise as we host our annual Blue Formal at 202 Littleton Street.

It's hard to imagine that my term as Consul will conclude at the end of this semester and that I will be graduating in May. I have learned a great deal serving as Consul of Delta Delta, more than any class I have taken at Purdue. Times have not always been easy but there are always those great memorable experiences. This spring I plan to join the family business in Toledo, Ohio. I know that I will always have my best friends from Sigma Chi with me for the rest of my life and in my memories. Thank you to all those who have made my college experience truly amazing.



### Significant Sig continued ....

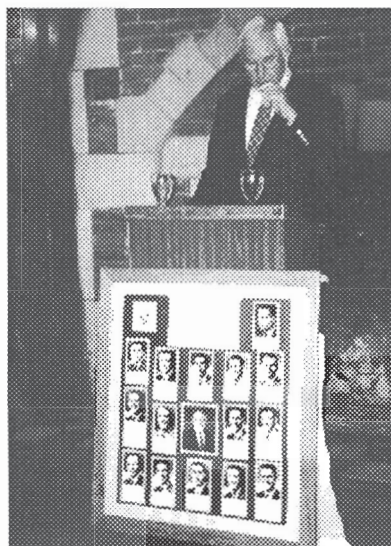
Council, and as vice-chairman of Purdue's Vision 21 Capital Campaign. He also helped establish the C.B. Smith Professorship of Hotel Management.

The presentation of Jim's award was a tribute to him, his family and the role his Sigma Chi pledge brothers have played in his life. With song leader Kurt Vahle '58 leading the brothers in "My Name Is Sigma Chi", "The Sweetheart Song", "A Sig I Am", and "The Marching Song" the spirit of Sigma Chi was felt by all of the 60 alumni, undergraduates and guests present in the Great Hall. Pledge Class (of 1958) President Don Trieschmann presented Jim with a montage of his pledge brothers' pictures from an earlier era; Dr. Steven Beering, President Emeritus of Purdue, spoke of Jim's long standing support and love of the university; Shirley Dora, Jim's Sweetheart, spoke of his commitment to family; and Ball State Sig and business associate Tim Worthington told of Jim's vision and support of all his employees. Frank Raymond, President of the Sigma Chi Foundation, presented Jim with his Significant Sig award on behalf of the International Fraternity.

Jim was deeply moved by all the effort that his Sigma Chi brothers had put forth to host this ceremony and the dinner in his honor the previous evening at the Lafayette Country Club. As he addressed those in attendance he thanked his family and wife, Shirley, Dr. Beering for his chance to serve Purdue, and Sigma Chi for giving him the foundation from which to build his career and his most endearing friendships. In closing Jim noted that since his early days as a pledge he knew he could always count on



Frank Raymond, President of the Sigma Chi Foundation presents Jim Dora with his Significant Sig Award as Phil Steele holds the framed certificate and picture.



Jim Dora with his Pledge Class gift in front addresses the audience.



Purdue President Emeritus Steven Beering (L) with Jim.



Class of '58 Brothers in attendance, L-R: R. Clark, G. Morton, R. Elsperman, Don Trieschman, G. Valaoras, J. Dora, K. Vahle, and B. Sergesketter.

the support and friendship of his classmates, and that when he

sought true friendship, Jim knew he could always find it here.



## Jacob Rowe '03 Living Purdue, Big Ten Football Dream

Jacob Rowe came to Purdue three years ago as an undersized fullback from a small southern Indiana town with a dream of walking on and playing football for the mighty Purdue Boilermakers. With hard work and dedication Brother Rowe's dream has become a reality. Now three years later since entering Purdue, Rowe has earned a scholarship and starting honors as the goal line fullback and a job on the special teams. Last year Jacob earned his first varsity letter with the football team. All of Jacob's accomplishments and accolades have not come without a price however. Football and class take up a lot of his time and energy leaving little time for some of the social events that his undergraduate brothers get to take part in. "I try and get over to the house as much as possible, these guys give me a chance to get away from football and let loose and have a good time. I try and attend every chapter meeting, it really gives me motivation to get through the week with a purpose," Rowe said.

One of Jacob's most prized memories of his football career was getting an opportunity to travel to Pasadena, California to play in the Rose Bowl against the Washington Huskies. Even though the Boilers came up a little short, Brother Rowe realizes that this was a very unique opportunity for him and his teammates. "That definitely was an unreal experience. The whole two weeks out in California was unbelievable," Rowe said with a little grin.

Not only is Jacob Rowe an ideal role model on the football field, but he has also shined off the field at Purdue. Majoring in Mechanical Engineering is not a very easy thing to do even if you have all of the hours of the day to use. Brother Rowe also realizes however that school comes first, even in front of football. He knows that once he graduates school is what is going to be getting him a job. But, when you throw football practice, conditioning and class all together Rowe barely has time to take a break. "Managing time for everything does take some practice to get used to. I usually have one day a week to do what I want, the rest of the time it is school and football."

Brother Jacob Rowe has been a great inspiration to all that know him. His hard work and determination embodies the practices of our fraternity. Through him we can learn a great deal about making our biggest dreams become reality.

## Delta Delta House Corporation Holds Annual Meeting

The Delta Delta House Corporation held it's annual meeting at Homecoming in the Chapter Library.

Tim Maloney '74 reported that a subcommittee had been working with the guidance of a Lafayette area architectural firm to begin the next phase of the chapter renovation project. A goal was set to have recommendations in 6 months.

Dave Poelstra recapped the finances and the House Corporation and chapter are doing well. Jim Andrew covered recent chapter upgrades which included more plumbing work, installing new counter top and sinks in the Junior Wing bathroom, resurfacing the Great Hall floor, and the painting of all windows on the outside of the fraternity house.

## Mortgage Burning continued

The House Corporation would like to thank all the brothers who made the mortgage elimination possible. Special thanks go to the Classes of '68 who had 16 members participate and the Class of '74 with 17 contributors. Other classes that led their decades were the Class of '49, the Class of '58, Class of '77, Class of '80 and the Class of '98. Donations were also given in memory of several brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal. The Class of '58 honored Dirk Young, Fred McKenney, Frank Hoffman and Al Wyrick. Jim Crosbie and Bob Lottmann were remembered by the Class of '62. Several members of the Class of '68 also gave in memory of Tom Leslie's wife, Jane.

With the elimination of the mortgage we now enter Phase II of our overall plan to restore the chapter house. A committee of House Corp. and undergraduate members is in place to define the requirements for the chapter house of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our goal is to have plans and recommendations available for review at next year's Homecoming.

As always it was great to see all the returning alumni. For those who could come up early, Friday night at the Sig house saw young and old share the brotherhood into the wee hours of the morning. Saturday saw over 100 alumni and family return after the victorious football game. Reunion classes gathered and all in attendance enjoyed the festive atmosphere. Special commemorative Homecoming 2001 beer glasses were given to each returning alumnus. The chapter always looks forward to the return of all alumni each year to Homecoming. Make your plans now to return in 2002!!



## Alumni In The News ... Alumni In The News ... Alumni In The News

'44 **Allen C. Menke** reports that he is progressing toward full health following heart surgery. So much so that he is back on the tennis court with Sig partner Bernie Sergesketter '58 and that they are a formidable team. Allen can be reached for a match or tennis lessons at 1420 Tower Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093.

'47 **William P. Collins** wanted to let the brothers from the pre and post war period to know that he is well at 76, and enjoys dining and sailing with his six sons and 13 grandchildren when they get to Tahoe. WC can be reached at P.O. Box 669, Tahoe City, CA 96145-0669.

'63 **Michael A. Smith** reports a new address at 727 Morning Hill, San Antonio, TX 78232.

'66 **David G. Schellhase, Jr.** has moved south to a little warmer weather from Fargo, ND to 103 W. Red Spruce, Santa Claus, IN 47579.

'69 **Steven Horner** would enjoy hearing from his classmates at 7401 Greenview Dr., Battle Ground, IN 47920.

'73 **Stephen Workman** has relocated to 9220 Longview Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588.

'76 **Steven M. Schmidt** is President of the Americas group of AC Nielson. The former Purdue field goal kicker and backup quarterback can be contacted at 32 Polo Dr., S. Barrington, IL 60010. Email: [sschmidt@acnielsen.com](mailto:sschmidt@acnielsen.com).

'78 **David Palmer** operates a market research firm in Indianapolis. Dave, wife, Cindy, and family can be found at 1060 W. 106th St., Carmel, IN 46032. Email: [Dpalmer@PalmerandPalmer.com](mailto:Dpalmer@PalmerandPalmer.com).

'79 **Greg Harbaugh** has hung up his space walking shoes and has taken a position as Vice President, Museum Director of the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In museum in Lakeland, FL. Greg, Carol and their three young

daughters have found a new home at 2434 Hollingsworth Hill, Lakeland, FL 33803. Email: [gharbaugh@sun-n-fun.org](mailto:gharbaugh@sun-n-fun.org).

'80 **John P. Pierce** has joined a new Washington, D.C. law firm as counsel and will be part of the firm's litigation group. Your legal questions on antitrust, healthcare, international matters and white-collar crime can be directed to John at 10207 Cavanaugh Farm Way, Rockville, MD 20850. Email: [PierceJ@dsmo.com](mailto:PierceJ@dsmo.com).

'85 **Fr. Joseph T. Noonan** has moved to a new parish home at 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060.

'86 **James S. Everett III** can now be reached at 30211 Banderas, Suite #212, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688.

'90 **Kevin Dishun** now calls home 3412 N. Stone Gully, Mesa, AZ 85207.

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## **49<sup>th</sup> Grand Consul Enters Chapter Eternal**

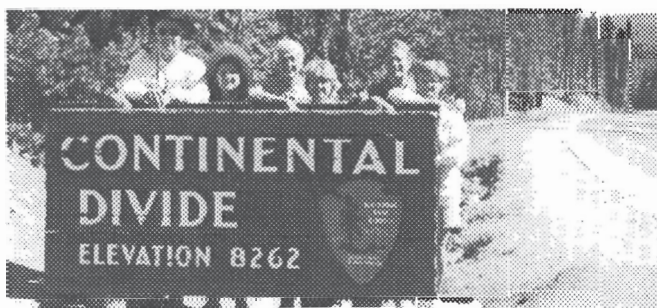
All Sigma Chi brothers mourned the recent news that Significant Sig, Order of Constantine Sig, and 49<sup>th</sup> Grand Consul, James F. Bash, Butler & Indiana 1949, entered the Chapter Eternal on October 25. Brother Bash was a tireless and visible leader within our fraternity. Delta Delta brothers will always remember Jim's enthusiastic participation in State Day. For over 40 years his active involvement in Sigma Chi in our state served as a continuing reminder that one's contributions to Sigma Chi are not limited by one's chapter affiliation.

### **Alumni News Notes continued**

'91 **Matthew Tigchelaar** has a new home at 7024 Broadway St., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

'92 **Ed Quatmann, Jr.** has found a new residence and welcomes brothers at 1532 N. Paulina St., Unit P, Chicago, IL 60622.

'94 **Jeff Hackleman** now calls home 3665 Vinyard Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.



L-R: Class of '63 Brothers Donn Griffith, Jim Latham, Nick Fritsch and their sweethearts ventured out West in September to visit Yellowstone National Park.

### **Alumni News Notes continued**

'97 **Stephen C. Smith** has entered law school at Georgetown University this fall. His pledge brothers can find him studying at 4977 Battery Lane #614, Bethesda, MD 20814. Email: scsmith97@yahoo.com.

'98 **James Cole** is now pursuing a MBA degree at Duke University. James plans to return to Intel and payback their investment in him upon graduation. James and wife, Jennifer, are now residing at 7 Tinsbury Pl., Durham, NC 27713.

'99 **Mark Miles** has relocated to 1818 N. Wilmot Ave., Chicago, IL 60647. All brothers are welcome when in the Windy City.

### **Chapter Eternal All Honor To Their Names...**

**Walter D. Gipe**, Redwood City, CA, 2001.

'37 **Jere C. Bristle**, Asheville, NC, 10-08-01

'47 **Frank O. Nerad**, Burbank, CA, April 2000

'48 **Gerald M. Tutterrow**, Indianapolis, IN, 6-12-01.

'54 **Thomas W. Marshall**, Haverford, PA, 2001

'62 **James A. Crosbie II**, Modesto, CA, March 2001

'62 **Robert V. Lottmann**, Lewes, DE, 3-26-01

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