



Delta Delta Data

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Class of '77 (L-R) seated: J. Arthur, T. Byrnes, S. Cosler, D. Nussmeier; (L-R) standing: J. Loop, D. Lawrence, D. Blickenstaff, B. Nussmeier, P. Steele, D. Hughes, J. Draper, D. Demoss

“Gift of Friendship” Celebrated At Class of '77 25th Reunion

Comprised of a number of truly outstanding and honorable men, by their own admission, the Class of '77 returned to Homecoming 2002 to celebrate their 25th reunion. The two day celebration began at the Purdue golf course on Friday morning and ended sometime late Saturday night as the brothers toasted to “still alive after 25”.

Twenty of this class's 27 pledge brothers found their way back to Delta Delta for this gathering of long time friends. The first to arrive were the avid, and not so avid, golfers who chose to take on Purdue's challenging Kampen course. Organ-

ized by pledge class president Dave Hughes, a critical decision to play a scramble format ensured that the three foursomes would complete their rounds by dinner. With Brian Dawson serving as Grand Marshal, ranger, and scorekeeper, all in attendance made it through the tough links style course. Steve Sturman took top honors for number of balls lost at 9 or 10 (he quit counting), while the foursome of Dan Lawrence, Preston Cobb, Dave Nussmeier and John Emhardt captured top honors with a round of 1 under. Also taking part in this event were Dave Ricker, Joel Draper, Richard See Class of '77 Reunion ..Page 4

Renovation Cost Study Presented To Chapter

Ratio Architect's presented at Homecoming the findings of their project cost study to renovate the Delta Delta chapter house. This comprehensive review looked at and offered recommendations as to the future needs for safety and comfort, privacy, public improvements and optimizing the capacity of the chapter house.

David Rausch, a principal at Ratio, disclosed the finding in two one-hour presentations held in the chapter library. Approximately 25 brothers attended each session. Ratio's study noted that the chapter house was architecturally and structurally sound, but required significant renovation to meet the needs of today's students. Living spaces, bathrooms and study areas lacked the functionality for contemporary living. Ratio's proposals also sought to maintain the historical significance of the public rooms while seeking to better utilize some of this space.

Rausch presented two scenarios. The first entailed addressing all “life and safety” issues, which involved adding a sprinkler system and new electrical service and wiring, and See Cost Study Page 4



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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 John Glon '03

Greetings fellow Delta Delta brothers to my final Delta Delta Data as Consul! It has only been a short while since our last edition of the Data, yet it seems as if so much has happened. Rush has come and gone, along with a successful Derby Days and Homecoming. And, here we are closing down on another successful semester.

Rush was concluded this year by adding another strong group of talented young men to our ranks. This year's pledge class of nineteen is extremely bright and seems to have absolutely no limits. As always, the Chapter was extremely selective in its approach, and has found that these gentlemen will have an extremely positive affect on this house. The future looks bright for these young men.

Throughout this hectic time of year, the Chapter hasn't slowed down any of its efforts on Purdue's Campus. Justin Brown, '05, has just been elected as President of the Interfraternity Council. This is an incredible opportunity for him to show off his abilities as well as representing Sigma Chi with utmost pride. He is just one of the many players in the campus activities scene. Sigma Chi's names clutter executive boards and leadership positions on just about every campus organization. These efforts certainly haven't taken away from involvement within the Chapter. I feel that we are as strong as ever in all of our house offices. It makes it easy when everyone is so eager to push each other to the next level. The leadership displayed is amazing both internally and externally, and I can't wait to see what happens with the remainder of the year.

Finals are approaching fast, which is starting to create quite a buzz. Everyone is excited to blow away the numbers we put up last year at this time. The feeling is of optimism, both with the actives and our new pledge class. Everyone is excited, and I can't wait to see what the results will be.

As I approach the end of my term, I have been taking time to reflect on the things that the chapter has experienced throughout my tenure as Consul. It has been very rewarding seeing the progression of my brothers during my years at Delta Delta. The personal growth for all of us is amazing during these years of our lives. This is now my fourth pledge class to see grow, including mine, and I'm just waiting to see what they will bring to the table. It is true. Sigma Chi has been the single biggest reward and experience in many lives. I can see it expressed in my pledge class. Soon we will all be pushing away from the docks and setting sail for life, trying to find jobs and start families. Sure, it's a bit scary, but we all know that we are not alone.

I would like to thank everyone that I've dealt with over the past year. I need to thank my undergraduate brothers for making it very easy for me to get things accomplished. Phil Steele, our chapter advisor, has provided many suggestions. Thank you all for your tireless efforts to make the Delta Delta Chapter the best it can be. Most importantly, I need to thank my family and Colleen. Every time I needed to take a break, they were there. Thank you all so very much. It has been a true character builder for me, and I am grateful for having been given this chance to lead Delta Delta.

Sigs Lead Purdue Student Government

This year has been very exciting for Sigma Chi campus activities. Purdue Student Government is one campus activity that Delta Delta has had limited involvement over the past few years, but this year marks a change. Usually the Purdue Student Government will only allow a maximum of three people from the same organization to be on the board of directors. This year, however, Sigma Chi had so many great candidates apply for positions that they had to extend the limit to four. The Delta Delta chapter is very proud of these four and would like to give them some recognition.

Drew Brinkoetter is PSG's Political Issues Director responsible for coordinating political speakers and events such as voter registration and political forums.

Aaron Schnur is Director of Speakers for PSG student events. Aaron and Drew are working to bring Senator Richard Lugar or Senator Evan Bayh to Purdue to speak on various political issues.

Justin Brown serves as Director of Campus Relations and coordinates events with other organizations across campus. Project Awareness Week heads the list of major activities conducted by Justin.

Tyler Haehl in University Events is in charge of planning and creating programs for university events. Tyler will work with the Purdue's Budget Department in bringing legislators to Purdue to show them the quality education Purdue provides and the need for increased funding. In addition this group works with the Purdue special events director to host alumni and other contributors at President's Council Banquets.

Northwest Province Honors McAllister '79

Clarke McAllister '79 over the past two years has been honored by Sigma Chi's Northwestern Province for his work as chapter advisor at the University of Oregon. In 2001 the Province presented the MacMillan Award to Clarke and recently he was the recipient of the Kevin Cook Outstanding Alumni award. Both are Province traveling trophies given annually to an alumni brother for their extraordinary involvement and commitment to Sigma Chi.

Clarke has served as chapter advisor to Beta Iota at the University of Oregon since their rechartering. In May 2000, Beta Iota became the first chapter in Sigma Chi history to recharter in a single year — half the prescribed time.

The ten devoted undergrads who transferred from Oregon State chose Clarke for his enthusiasm and interest. Many of the Beta Iota undergraduates knew Keith Krach '79 from his involvement at the annual Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, and figured that some of Keith might have rubbed off on his pledge bro', Clarke.

Indeed it was Keith, who five years earlier challenged Clarke to get involved with Sigma Chi as an alumnus. When the opportunity arose at Oregon in 1999, Clarke gave Delta Delta Chapter Advisor Phil Steele a call to learn more about the role of an advisor. Phil urged Clarke to accept the chapter advisor position, and today they continue to exchange stories and suggestions.

Clarke attends chapter meetings, Initiation Week, leadership retreats, Leadership Training Workshop, philanthropies, campouts, and sporting events with his undergraduate brothers. He offers advice on life and leadership. Clarke provides encouragement for brothers to support each other, and for the chapter to resolve problems on their own. The result has been a strong and committed brotherhood. Clarke notes that as a Chapter Advisor he can be both young and old with the undergrads, and he enjoys his time tremendously supporting the chapter.

This young chapter hosted the 2002 Province Conference where guest speakers Keith Krach and Grand Consul Doug Carlson helped attract an average attendance of 28 brothers per chapter!

Clarke continues to draw support and energy to pursue his goals at Beta Iota from his Delta Delta experience as an undergrad and his contact with his own pledge class and others like Keith, Phil and Sig alumni he meets out west.

All of us at Delta Delta wish Clarke continued success and appreciate his efforts to help more young men find the true meaning of Sigma Chi through his commitment of time and love to our fraternity.



Clarke, (r), is congratulated by past Northwest Province Grand Praetor Kevin Cook on receiving the Kevin Cook Outstanding Alumni Award.

Class of '77 continued

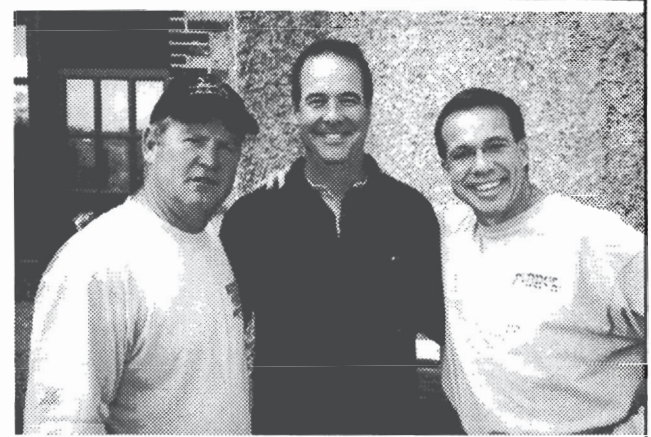
Haehl, Phil Steele, Bob Nussmeier, Steve Sturman, Jim Arthur and Dave Hughes.

Back at the chapter house the alleged golfers met returning brothers Dave Demoss, Jeff Early, Tim Brynes, Dave Blickenstaff, Brian Boje and several wives at the newly remodeled Rolling Peanut Pub. Gathering in the chapter's bar held special significance for this class, since it was Class of '77 pledge brothers Tim Byrnes and Steve Sturman who originally converted the former "bum" room into the Rolling Peanut Pub in 1974. The Class of '77 was pleased with the face lift and hopes the room continues to host many future brotherhood functions.

A catered dinner in the Dining Room followed where the brothers had a chance to reminisce about their days in the chapter and all that has transpired since. Of course there were lots of new stories and new versions of old ones. And for the few who didn't make it back they were missed but still spoken of highly and lowly in absentia. This all abruptly ended when the first of several brothers were called to the bricks to account for some of their behaviors from over 25 years ago. Most had no better explanation today than they did when they were younger. Taped messages from former Consul John Glunt and class magister Dave Gratnitz were played and brought a smile and a tear as exploits of so many years ago were replayed. And Joel Draper still looked the same 25 years later lounging in the same blue/gray robe with all the decals. The evening closed with each of our Sweethearts receiving a white rose and the strains of the "Sweetheart Song" and "Who Am I Sir, I'm A Sigma

Chi" filling the dining room. For some the evening continued well into the night as each sought to relive their youth and bring back many special memories.

The Class of '77 regrouped Saturday morning with Steve Cosler and John Loop joining in at the chapter house to take part in the festivities. An impromptu tailgate at Brother Haehl's prime Lot F parking space followed. Life was good as the Boilers took home the victory against Minnesota, which silenced the very vocal Gopher fan seated behind the contingent of 1977 Sigs.



Class of '77 PB's: D. Lawrence, D. Nussmeier, J. Loop

Brian Dawson stated it best when he wrote, "Thanks to all of you and your wives for making my day very enjoyable. Your gift of friendship is truly appreciated." And for all who are wondering, yes, that was Paul Lavignette wandering past the Haehl's tailgate party.

Cost Study continued

eliminating all inappropriate sleeping accommodations. In addition renovate and add bathrooms; convert the cold-air and junior dorm spaces to rooms; renovate all study rooms to allow for private sleeping arrangements in each; wire each room for cable, phone and internet; and convert the Game Room to a student lounge and the Sun Room to a second computer room. With each student now sleeping in a room and with the elimination of the cold air and junior wing dorms, this option reduces the capacity of the house from today's level of 62-64 to approximately 58.

Option 2 included the above upgrades and proposed building an addition to the north side of the chapter house and removing the existing garage. This addition would house 8 to 10 additional study rooms, an enlarged senior wing bathroom, as well as a garage and kitchen storage space. Under this plan capacity would allow for 70 to 72.

The cost to complete Option 1 is estimated to be \$2.8 to \$3.2 million. Option 2 projections are for it to run \$3.6 to \$4.0 million. In comparison building a new house from the ground up would run roughly \$3.0 to \$4.0 million.

The next step is to figure out how to pay for this work. A capital fund committee is being formed that will begin assessing our options and the best way to meet the challenge of providing for Delta Delta's future needs. Our venerable chapter house built by George Ade is tired and in desperate need of major work. If Sigma Chi is to prosper and attract the leaders of the future and the caliber of young men we seek, this work must be completed in the next 3 to 5 years. Drawings of the renovation will be posted on the new Delta Delta Alumni web page 202Littleton.com in the near future. Through the web site and other correspondence we will keep every brother posted as we move forward boldly into the 21st century.

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'42 **C.M. (Scotty) Murray** after losing his boat in Hurricane Hugo two years ago decided to return to the mainland from his home in St. John, USVI. He and his wife of 56 years, Madeleine, wanted to be near the ocean and relocated to 609 Creekwood Dr., New Bern, NC 28562. Scotty reports he still plays tennis and he and Madeleine have a great life. Brothers can email Scotty at claymore3@always-online.com.

'61 **John T. Taylor** now resides at 2 Adalia Ave., Suite 504, Tampa, FL 33606.

'62 **John Ester** has moved across town to 2491 Wildbrook Run, Bloomfield, MI 48304.

'73 **Brian Vautaw** has been named to the Board of Directors of the Automotive Industry Action Group located in Dearborn, MI. Brian can be reached at 32717 Robinhood Dr., Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

'74 **Scott Renwick** is now senior vice president at Unitrin in Chicago.

Scott resides at 455 at E. Linden Ave., Lake Forest, IL 60045.

'77 **Brian Ortman** was unable to attend his pledge class' 25th reunion due to his new assignment to Ramstein AFB in Germany. Brian reports that Cindy and the family are doing well and have found a nice home in a small village of 800 people which came complete with house plants and a rabbit. The Deutchland Ortman's have already begun to explore the local sites and have a full itinerary ready for any brothers who wish to visit. Contact Brian at PSC 2 Box 9106, APO AE 09012, or email: FredHogbristle@aol.com.

'90 **Shaun Bonwell** and wife, Christina, are the proud parents of a son born April 22. Parents and baby can be found at 1441 Lakeside Ct., Wixom, MI 48393.

'91 **Aaron Thomas** and his wife are the proud parents of Grant Edward born June 20. The Thomas' reside at 7475 Thrasher Lane, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

'93 **Mike Schleper** was wed to his lovely bride, Laurie, on June 1. Congratulations to one of Delta Delta's former Consul's can be sent to 1499 Blake St. #40, Denver, CO 80202.

'92 **John Corthinos** stood by on September 8 as his wife, Christy, gave birth to their first child, Caroline "Carly" Therese. John, Cristy and Carly can be reached at their new home at 633 N. Ottawa Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

'95 **Jason Bedsworth** has relocated to 266 Laurel Lane, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

'95 **Craig Johnson** has had a couple of recent changes in his life. On June 7th, Craig and wife, Corinne, welcomed the addition of a son to their family. Then on June 20th Craig made a professional change and is now a partner at Parkside Animal Hospital. The Johnson's can be reached at 12918 St. Andrews, Fishers, IN 46038; email: craigj@insightbb.com.

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Alumni News Notes continued

'96 **Steve Clark** is the proud father of he and Lara's first son, Gavin McCay born January 31. Congratulatory notes can be sent to Steve and Lara at 950 Nevelle Lane, Carmel, IN 46032, or to smclark49@earthlink.net. Steve is also now working as a sales representative for Halophane Lighting.

'96 **David Winn** after completing his studies at Georgetown University has settled down at 2725 Hendrix Dr., Bloomington, IL 61704.

'98 **Rob Swingle** can now be reached at 417 Tenth St. #1, Atlanta, GA 30309.

'01 **Travis Bonnell** and Jessica Lamar tied the knot on July 27 at their wedding held in West Lafayette. With a large Sigma Chi contingent present and his brother Trent '99 serving as one of the Best Men, it was a fitting celebration for the young couple. Travis works in the business contracts group at Purdue. He and Jessie call home 117 N. 10th St. #2, Lafayette, IN 47905; email: bonnellt@hotmail.com.



Several members from the Class of '57 gathered for their 45th Reunion.

Robert Baker '39
W. Robert 'Bob' Baker entered into Chapter Eternal on August 2. Bob had been President and CEO of Baker, Inc., an engineering firm located in Evansville, IN.

Ryan Lynch '97 had the privilege of exchanging Delta Delta stories with Bob. They spoke of how pledgeship had changed — no more push-ups or climbing the water tower. But in many respects the routine of Monday night dinners, work sessions, wake, and learning the brothers information has not changed.

Bob also conveyed that Amelia Earhart and her husband had dinner and played pool at the chapter house on more than one occasion. It was Bob's job to host them ... as he said, probably because he had the nicest car.

In their conversations Bob noted that being a member of Sigma Chi and his days at Delta Delta were some of the most enjoyable of his life ... all honor to his name.

Wm. F. Steck, Jr. '44, Zionsville, IN; 4-22-02

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