



Delta Delta Data

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A large contingent of brothers from the Class of 1973 return to Delta Delta for their 30th Reunion.

Reunion Classes Return To Celebrate Brotherhood At Homecoming 2003

Brothers from all generations and from East Coast to West Coast returned to celebrate their lifelong Sigma Chi friendships at Homecoming 2003. This large gathering of over 200 Sigs and their guests on October 4 was led by the reunion classes of 1968, 1973, 1978 and 1983.

The Class of '68 arrived clad in bright yellow t-shirts emblazoned with the White Cross and proclaiming their 35th Reunion. Event organizer Tom (Skillet) Leslie '68 noted that 16 or his 21 pledge brothers were able to make it back. Along with the visit to the chapter house and attending the football game, the

Class of '68 gathered for their reunion dinner at George Ade's home in Brook, IN.

Returning for their 30th reunion was the Class of '73 who also boasted a great turnout of their class. This class took the time to thoroughly check out the chapter house, enjoyed the pre-game activities and celebrated a great evening of reminiscing at McGraw's (the old Stiney's on the river).

J.B. Carson and Doug Hull made sure the Class of '78 celebrated their 25th reunion in style. On Friday evening this group hosted a cocktail party in the Rolling Peanut Pub with *See Homecoming 2003...Page 4*

Class of '63 "Recalls" Fond Memories At 40th Reunion

The Class of '63 celebrated an "Approximately 40th Reunion" at Purdue and Delta Delta over the weekend of October 10-12. The forty-two brothers, wives and significant others ventured back from Arizona, Florida, New York, California, Texas, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, South Carolina, Missouri, and even one or two from Indiana.

The highlight of the gathering, which included a win over Penn State in the newly renovated Ross-Ade Stadium, was a dinner convocation on Saturday evening at the Merou Grotto in West Lafayette. This unique venue was a lodge built in the 1920's on the Wabash River a few miles north of the Fraternity House. It served as a perfect setting for the singing, jovial remarks and speechmaking that normally characterize gatherings of this illustrious group of brothers.

In keeping with the typical "satirical" humor demonstrated at these events, three members of the California delegation, James H. "Lump" Lopeman, a real estate developer and director of the Hercules-Rodeo Fire Protection District near *See Class of '63 Page 4*



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 Brett Hummer '04

Greetings Brothers! As you all can relate, there really is nothing like returning to 202 Littleton after a long and eventful summer. The chapter simply radiates with energy and enthusiasm; the spirit of youth is retained and exemplified to the fullest sense. Brothers are filling each others' ears with summer stories, both factual and inflated for the sake of fraternal lore, and everyone is eager for the challenges and opportunities a new school year presents to the chapter. The abundance of energy among the brothers proved absolutely necessary, as the chapter was quickly consumed with a variety of events from an intense Rush to Derby Days to Homecoming.

In late September, I had the honor of placing the Norman Shield pledge pin on 28 fine young men. This new pledge class is already proving its ambitious purposes by setting high academic expectations as well as leading the charge for a campus wide community clothes drive.

A few new twists were added to our annual Derby Days philanthropy, thanks mostly to the creative muscle from Derby Days Chairmen, Will Erwin '04, Paul Jackson '04, and Michael Reardon '04. The week-long philanthropy raises funds for the Children's Miracle Network and consists of twelve sororities competing with each other in a wonderfully giving spirit. The event that always steals the show is the paintball competition. Believe me brothers, if you have not yet witnessed numerous sorority girls shooting each other with balls of paint, I dare say you may very well be missing out on one of the greatest spectacles in modern day athletics! The week's events culminated with a carnival held on the front lawn, made complete with

a Car Bash, where participants and brothers exchanged dollars for a chance to abuse Randy Haines', '06, donated clunker.

As always, the brothers greatly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with many of you at Homecoming. I wish to again thank brothers, John Petree '06, Sean Kennedy '04, and our chapter advisor, Phil Steele '77 for their help in planning the festive weekend. While most of us were at the game or tailgates, brother Ben Harris, '04, was representing Delta Delta as one of the top eight Homecoming candidates. Congratulations again to Ben on achieving this special honor.

In closing brothers, I wish to thank all of you who have supported me during my term as Consul of this tremendous chapter. Special thanks to my pledge brothers – it has been quite a ride thus far, and I know the bonds will only tighten as we continue our lives. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Fraternity which has given me favor and distinction.

WRITE CONGRESS

The Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act of 2003 (Senate Bill 1246) is currently in the Senate Finance Committee.

This bill will make all donations to fraternity chapter houses tax deductible. This is critical as Delta Delta seeks funds for future renovation efforts.

Please take a few minutes and contact your Senators via mail or email and encourage them to support this legislation. For more details go to Sigma Chi's website at www.sigmachi.org.

BROTHERHOOD CELEBRATED AT HOMECOMING 2003



Homecoming 2003 continued

shrimp cocktail, cheese balls and wine. This followed an afternoon round of golf for a number of the bro's at Coyote Crossing. This event was followed by dinner at McGraw's, attending the pre-game festivities at the chapter house, hanging out at their tailgate party and watching the Boilermakers trounce Illinois on the gridiron.

Once the Class of '78 vacated the Rolling Peanut Pub, the Class of '83 blew in with the beer and pizza and the partying really began. The Class of '83 whose 20th reunion was led by Dave Westerbeck and Marc Carlson spent Friday evening hanging out at the chapter house with their pledge brothers and a large contingent of undergrads. 14 of their 21 brothers showed up to see old friends and reminiscence of their past days at Sigma Chi. One brother summed it up when he said, "Wow, are the old memories a treasure". Dave Steele noted, "Looking back, if we as a class could pass on one characteristic that we all possess it would be friendship. Friendship that has lasted a lifetime and will continue to grow. The chain (of brotherhood) may be shorter, but the strength is still there. We will always cherish our times together at Sigma Chi."

As usual the undergrads did a great job of hosting the pre-game festivities at Delta Delta. Led by Alumni Relations chairman John Petree and Kitchen Steward Sean Kennedy, the over 200 guests were fed with burgers, brats and grilled chicken sandwiches. Special thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. George Sianis, the parents of Ted, for jumping in and helping with the cooking. Each returning Brother from a reunion class also received a small gift memento from the chapter.

Chapter Updates Rush and Scholarship Programs

Delta Delta began the fall semester with goals to improve their recruitment program and academic performance. Incorporating new and creative ideas for rush functions and 100% participation by the brothers, the recruitment program flowed like clock



Scholarship recipients Eric Bowler, Scott Sochaki and Mike Andreone.

work. An annual highlight is the Alumni Rush function. With appearances and speeches by former Grand Consul Dick Hester; current Grand Pro Consul Keith Krach; General Fraternity Director Brad Nihls; Bernie Sergesketter, Sigma Chi Foundation Treasurer; and a special appearance by Carrie Davis, the International Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, it was a special night.

A notable addition to the recruitment program this year was the creation of three \$500 scholarships offered to prospective Delta Delta pledges. These scholarships were awarded to Scott Sochacki, Eric Bowler and Michael Andreone based on community service, campus involvement, and academic achievement. Special thanks to brothers Mark Carlson '83, Bill Frey '63, and Al Menke '44 who donated these scholarship funds.

Delta Delta has set its academic sites on climbing back to the top five of all fraternities for academic achievement. A key ingredient to achieving this goal may be the increased amount of study tables included as part of this year's pledge program. In addition a newly refurbished computer lab made possible by funds from the Sigma Chi Foundation and the Class of '58 has greatly enhanced the resources available at the chapter house. Delta Delta now boasts high speed internet cable in every room, multiple wireless internet access ports, five brand new Dell desktop computers, and a big ol' network printer donated by the parents of Justin Brown Delta Delta '05.

Class of '63 continued

San Francisco; Judge James R. "Rocket" Ritchie, a member of the California Superior Court; and Richard J. "Book" Stall, a prominent Los Angeles attorney, spearheaded a petition to recall James L. "Lank" Lathan, as General Chairman of the first open Bowling On The Green Tournament held in April 1963. No doubt these brothers recent experience with recall elections was critical to their successful peti-

tion drive. In a surprise move, the disposed Brother Lathan was re-elected to fill out his unexpired term.

Others in attendance who participated in the recall and contributed to the spirit and fun of the other festivities included Brothers Shelby, Collins, Ester, Fritsch, Kuzma, Vahle, Wilton, Bowe, Frey, Kessler, Smith, Glover, Parrish, Pomeroy, Griffith, Kuhnert, Morris and Westhafer.

Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue University
House Corporation Annual Meeting
October 4, 2003

Attendees:

George Bender '69
Jim Dora '58
Rod Wendt '68
Jeff McKean '86
Dave Poelstra '72
Guy Thomas '83

Tim Maloney '74
Bernie Sergesketter '58
Dave Krumweide '78
Patrick Burke '87
Tom Leslie '68
Phil Steele '77

Drew Brinkoetter '05
Bob Keagy '78
Scott Renwick '74
John Eddy '59
Mike Schunk '78

Call To Order:

House Corporation President Tom Leslie called the annual House Corporation Meeting to order and thanked all those present for taking the time to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

House Corporation Treasurer Dave Poelstra distributed a Treasurer's report. In summary the House Corporation's Checking Account Balance as of 9-19-03 was \$52,919 with outstanding liabilities of \$47,456. This left a projected balance of \$5,464. In addition the House Corporation has a cash reserve account totaling \$18,712.

Major expenses for the past semester included our annual insurance premium of \$24,502; maintenance of \$20,484, and repairs of \$32,457. See Maintenance Report for further detail.

House Corporation Maintenance/Repairs Facility Report

Tim Maloney presented a detailed report on maintenance and improvement projects during the past year. Major expenditures were incurred with the parking lot expansion and repair project: \$15,806; and with the associated landscaping: \$3,525. A long list of other summer maintenance projects totaled \$8,041. Repairs and upgrades to the chapter's boiler and water system also led to expenditures of \$14,119. The House Corp also installed a new master key "lock" system in the chapter at a cost of \$1,599.

The House Corp thanked Tim Maloney for taking the lead and accomplishing all these tasks during the past year.

Alumni Relations Report

Phil Steele updated the group on the alumni relation's activities held during the 2002/2003 school year. These included:

- ◆ Homecoming 2002: Well attended with Class of '77 reunion dinner held in the Dining Room.
- ◆ Brotherhood Dinner: 11th Annual held in April with special guest Grand Consul Doug Carlson. 25 alumni guests attended.
- ◆ Alumni Golf Outing: 13th Annual held in June at Coyote Crossing Golf Course in Lafayette. 92 brothers participated.

In 2003 we created the Delta Delta Alumni Website (202Littleton.com). This site includes alumni class information, news on alumni events, photos, dues status and more. Over the first 6 months of existence the site has received 60 emails with mailing address updates.

In addition three Delta Delta Data's were published, a Christmas card sent to all alumni and families, and the chapter received 25 alumni "rush" recommendations this fall.

2003 Alumni Support Dues Program:

The annual dues program continues to support our alumni relation's activities. The 2003 program received dues from 431 alumni totaling \$15,425. There is \$32,000 currently in the Merrill Lynch Alumni Relations reserve account.

Undergraduate Chapter Update

Pro Consul Drew Brinkoetter gave an update highlighting some of the chapter's current activities. These included:

- ◆ Scholarship: The active chapter's GPA is currently ranked 18th among all fraternities. This lower than expected performance is attributed to a poor pledge class GPA. Changes to the pledge program are being instituted to address this poor performance. One of these was to offer three \$500 scholarships to the new pledge class based on academic and campus leadership.
- ◆ Pledge Class: The chapter inducted 28 new pledges on September 28.
- ◆ Campus Leadership: 85% of the active brothers are involved in student organizations. Including Justin Brown, IFC President; Aaron Schnur, Chief of Staff for Purdue Student Government; Drew Brinkoetter, Executive Director, PSG; and Andrew Briscoe, Old Masters Central Committee.
- ◆ House Occupancy: There are presently 59 brothers living in the chapter. (Ideal occupancy is 65.) 71 total actives on campus.
- ◆ Alumni Rush Function: The chapter held it's annual alumni rush function with special guests Bernie Sergesketter, Keith Krach, Brad Nihls, Dick Hester and International Sweetheart Carrie Davis.

Renovation Campaign Update

Tom Leslie gave a brief update on the chapter house renovation efforts. Since the presentation at last year's Homecoming (2002) discussions have been held on how and when to initiate a capital campaign. Due to the soft economy it was determined that it was not the appropriate time to begin a major fundraising effort in 2003. The Board is investigating the need to form it's own foundation for tax deductible contributions. It has also contacted one fraternity fundraising firm to begin discussions on how to carry out a future major capital campaign.

It was noted that there had been no communication to our alumni on the status of this campaign over the past 12 months. Plans are to include an update in the next Data and post the Ratio drawings on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Restoration of Ade, Bivens and Taylor portraits in Library.

Quotes received from Indianapolis Museum of Art totally \$8500 to restore and preserve these paintings. Decision to proceed was made, but needed special fundraiser to obtain necessary funds. Work to be done in January-February 2004.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations were received and elections held for the following slate of House Corporation Directors. All were unanimously elected for a three-year term of office.

Tom Leslie Bob Burlas Phil Steele Gary Thoe Corby Thompson
Guy Thomas Travis Bonnell

We welcome new members Guy Thomas and Travis Bonnell and thank retiring board members Lee Sterry and Chris Corrigan for their years of service.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Steele

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Delta Delta Significant Sigs Honored

Significant Sig **Hank Stram '45** was honored as a member of the 2003 NFL Hall of Fame class for his successful NFL coaching career. Hank guided the Kansas City Chiefs to three AFL titles and a win over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl IV. Brother Stram was named AFL Coach of the Year in 1968. His career began as a baseball coach at Purdue before he moved on to coach in the AFL/NFL from 1960 to 1977. Congratulations can be sent to Hank at 194 Belle Terre Blvd., Covington, LA 70433.

Significant Sig **Bob Friend '53** was the celebrity guest at the Gene Keady/Emerson Kampen Golf Classic held at Purdue in August. Bob played Major League baseball for 17 years for the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Mets and New York Yankees. In 1960 he helped the Pirates upset the Yankees for the World Series title. He finished his career in 1966 with a 197-230 record, 3.58 ERA and 163 complete games. He tied for the major league lead with 22 wins in 1958; led the National League with a 2.58 ERA in 1955; and was a three-time NL All-Star. Bob ran an investment and insurance firm in Pittsburgh until 2002 and can be reached at 4 Salem Circle, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

'42 **Robert Kemper** reports that he is still in real estate and he and his wife are doing O.K. Bob is active in the Naples Purdue Alumni Chapter with lunch and meetings once a month, and sees Delta Delta classmate, Fred Jones '42, there. Bob can be reached at 1133 Bentley Dr., Naples, FL 34110.

'59 **Gary Guertin** after 37 years of working for General Motors in five countries, Argentina, Brazil, England, Spain and the U.S. retired in 2000. Gary is enjoying retirement and now calls home 3720 S. Ocean Blvd., Apt. 508, Highland Beach, FL 33487. Email: guerting@bellsouth.net.

'78 **J.B. Carson** has returned to Boilermaker country and moved wife, Julie, and his three daughters, to 7342 Capel Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46259. Email: jbc8786@comcast.net.

'82 **Todd Kaminski**, wife, Lisa, and daughters, Sara, Morgan and Lauren have moved to Indianapolis and they love it. Sara is at Purdue, Morgan is a senior and Lauren a freshman in high school. Todd would enjoy hearing from any of the brothers in the area and can be reached at 5103 Fall Creek Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46220. Email: tmkaminski@aol.com.

'87 **Frank Jones** and wife, Patty, were blessed with a baby boy, Andrew Wyatt, born 2-21. Frank is Vice President in charge of the San Diego branch office of Rudolph and Sletten, Inc., a California construction management firm. Frank can be found at 3314 Avenida Anacapa, Carlsbad, CA 92009. Email: Frank.Jones@Adelphia.net.

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'93 **Matt Emmert** has relocated to 115 Tschiffely Square Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Email: memmert12@yahoo.com.

'96 **James "Jake" Henry** has returned to Omron Electronics and has relocated to 5734 Rosslyn Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220. Email: jph_iii@hotmail.com.

'98 **Fred Ackermann** has moved to 92 Kingswood Dr., Bethel, CT 06801.

'98 **Rob Swingle** is now the Assistant Women's water polo coach at Villanova University. When not underwater Rob can be found at 108 Bridge Ave., 2nd Floor, Berwyn, PA 19312.

'99 **Michael Clouse** now resides at 3202 N. Paulina #2 South, Chicago, IL 60657.

'99 **Mark Weil** is cooking things up as the Executive Chef at Smith's Row, a Four Star Restaurant in Columbus, IN. You can look Mark up for a great meal at 4214 Fair Oaks Dr., Franklin, IN 46131. Email: alwyschfn@earthlink.net.



Class of '63 pledge brothers and guests celebrate their 40th Reunion in West Lafayette.

Chapter Eternal All Honor To Their Names

'35 **John "Jack" Houston** passed away on September 17 at the age of 89. Jack was a member of the Dallas Sigma Chi Alumni Chapter and attended this year's Sweetheart Dance. After graduating from Purdue with an electrical engineering degree he went to work for Ryerson Steel Co. During WWII he served in the Pacific Theatre in New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa and Japan. He retired from Ryerson in 1971 and began a career as a professional pianist. He played until his death as a solo pianist, and with jazz combos and orchestras. Jack's

family can be reached at 6207 Yorkshire Dr., Dallas, TX 75230.

'43 **Harry E. Hudson** entered Chapter Eternal on June 11. Harry, a Life Loyal Sig, served as President of Hudson Printing Co. and led the family business for 56 years before retiring in 2002. After graduating from Purdue in 1942 he served in World War II with Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army in the European Theater earning a Bronze Star. Condolences can be sent to Harry's wife, Margaret, at 45 Beauvoir Cir., Anderson, IN 46011.

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