



Delta Delta Data

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25th Reunion Class of '79 Brothers: L-R: S. Ulbrich, R. Holloway, K. Krach, D. Krumwiede, S. Schliefarth, G. Gilmore, J. Prahin, C. McAllister, and D. Palmer.

Delta Delta Earns Peterson, R.B. Stewart Chapter Awards

In August at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop Delta Delta received the prestigious Peterson Significant Chapter Award. This honor is given to those chapters who meet the Fraternity's high standards for chapter operations. Areas that are evaluated include Recruitment, Pledgeship, Chapter Operations, Campus Leadership, Philanthropy, Scholarship and others. In 2004 Delta Delta was one of 24 chapters out of a total of 219 chapters internationally to earn this recognition. This is Delta Delta's 19th time to receive the Peterson Award.

Mark Anderson, Sigma Chi's Executive Secretary, wrote, "the Peterson Significant Chapter Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an undergraduate chapter. The Peterson plaque has been a symbol of dedication, idealism and achievement and was awarded to your Chapter because of the effort and commitment of every brother. Your should be very proud of yourselves for your achievement and continue to strive for excellence."

Purdue's Interfraternity Council held their selection process for the
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Future On Display At Homecoming

Homecoming 2004 set the stage for future Homecomings at Delta Delta for many years to come. The large group of returning alumni, guests and undergraduates had an opportunity to learn about the future renovation plans for the chapter house. At the pre game meeting the over 100 alumni in attendance had an opportunity to hear Keith Krach '79, our International Grand Pro Consul, discuss Sigma Chi's strategic plan which stated that Sigma Chi's mission is to be the preeminent collegiate leadership organization. Following Keith, Drew Brinkoetter '05, Delta Delta's Consul reviewed the chapter's accomplishments over the

past year. And then Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim Dora '58 and Harold Force '73 reviewed the status of the renovation campaign. Plans from Scholer Architects detailing a major renovation of the chapter house were presented. The plans addressed the primary objectives of improving life safety, health and sanitation, and the study and leadership environment. The remodeling and additions to the structure also allow for changes in sleeping accommodations; flexible activity and social spaces; the attraction, retention, and training of superior pledge classes; retention of active
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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.

George Ade ΔΔ '87

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Consul's Corner Drew Brinkoetter '05

Greetings Brothers! We are well into yet another semester at 202 Littleton. A long and eventful summer has brought us back to Delta Delta to write another chapter in our storied history. Returning Brothers brought with them a refreshed energy as well as stories of summer adventures that seem to grow with time. The first few months of the semester were met with a flurry of activity including catching up with friends, the beginning of classes and chapter activities such as Recruitment and Homecoming.

In early September, our Recruitment Chairmen, Brother Justin Brown '05 and Brother Eddie Flodberg '05, lead the chapter in the search for the next Delta Delta pledgeclass. Over 300 young gentlemen passed through our wooden doors, over 60 of which were Alumni recommendations. The chapter did an amazing job of executing an intense yet rewarding rush process. In late September, I had the honor of pinning the Norman Shield on 34 dynamic young men. The chapter is very pleased with their progress thus far as they begin the process of learning about Sigma Chi and becoming future Delta Delta brothers.

In mid-October, the chapter celebrated Homecoming with many Alumni and friends. The Class of '54 returned to Delta Delta to celebrate their 50th reunion as well as the Class of '79 who celebrated their 25th reunion. On Saturday, the chapter was joined by many of these alumni and more for a day of festivities and presentations. Our Grand Pro Consul, Brother Keith Krach '79, presented the Sigma Chi Fraternity International Strategic Plan to the chapter outlining how Sigma Chi

is going to progressively advance in the years to come. I was fortunate enough to give a State of the Chapter Address concentrating on where the Delta Delta Chapter is now and where the Chapter is headed with our own strategic plan. The presentations were concluded by Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim Dora '58, and Harold Force '73 who updated those present on the projected Delta Delta Chapter House Renovation Plan. Following the presentations, both Brother Ryan Dupuis '05 and I had the honor of representing Sigma Chi as two of the seven gentlemen selected to the 2004 Homecoming Court.

As my term as Consul of the Delta Delta Chapter comes to an end, I would like to thank the chapter, alumni, and my family for supporting me over this past year. I feel that I am very fortunate to have led one of the most renowned Chapters in Sigma Chi Fraternity as well as been touched by the lives of so many enriching and wonderful people. I wish all of you success and happiness in everything that you may do and I greet you forever in the sacred bonds of Sigma Chi.

ANNUAL HOUSE CORP MEETING HELD

A large contingent of alumni brothers joined the members of the House Corporation to conduct this year's annual meeting. Updates on finances, house maintenance projects and expenditures, alumni relations and alumni events including the annual golf outing, Homecoming and Brotherhood Dinner were provided by Dave Poelstra, Phil Steele, Jim Andrew and Tom Leslie. Elections for board members were conducted by George Bender.

Homecoming 2004 Continued brothers; and will encourage ongoing alumni support. The overall presentation was well received and the goal in the next few weeks is to get the plans posted on the alumni website so all Delta Delta brothers can stay informed on our progress.

Another highlight of this year's Homecoming was the return of the Class of '54 for their 50th Reunion and the Class of '79 for their 25th Reunion. Both groups enjoyed reunion dinners, gathering at the chapter house and attending the football game. The Class of '79 held their reunion dinner Friday night at Delta Delta and spent the evening telling old stories and catching up on the past 25 years.

The chapter also took the opportunity to present newly selected Significant Sig Ken Kraft '56 with his plaque and photograph which now hang in the library.

Although the Boilermakers lost a heart breaker to Wisconsin on the football field, the Sigs were still able to cheer on brothers Drew Brinkoetter and Ryan Dupris, two of the seven Homecoming King finalists. The Homecoming Court is selected partially by popular voting and then through an extensive interviewing process. This is the first time two men from the same fraternity have been selected for the Homecoming court.

Overall it was a great day of brotherhood for all who returned to 202 Littleton Street. The chapter house looked outstanding due to the efforts of the active chapter and House Corporation. From all the activity going on at the chapter both by alumni and undergrads, it looks like things are going well, and the report at next year's Homecoming should be just as exciting.

Alumni Enjoy Homecoming 2004 Festivities



Chapter Awards continued

R.B. Stewart award in October. This award recognizes fraternities for excellence in several categories including Alumni Relations, Risk Management, Campus Leadership, House Management, Philanthropy, and Scholarship. The fraternities that submit applications for this recognition spend many hours compiling information for a panel of judges. The judges then select one fraternity as the top performer in each category, and the R.B. Stewart award is given to an overall winner as the top fraternity on campus.



Matt Miller '06 accepts the R.B. Stewart Award

The R.B. Stewart award is presented at the campus wide Chapter of Chapters which is attended by all of Purdue's fraternities and sororities. At this year's gathering Delta Delta was named as the top performer in the categories of Philanthropy, Campus Leadership and House Management. Delta Delta ended the evening by being named the recipient of the R.B. Stewart Award as the top fraternity at Purdue. Pro Consul Matt Miller accepted the traveling trophy on behalf of the chapter and stated, "that this was a great honor for Sigma Chi and it was the result of a lot of hard work by all the brothers."

Earning these two top honors has established high expectations for future years for the undergraduate chapter. Through dedicated effort by all the brothers their goal is to continue to position Delta Delta as a leader within Sigma Chi and Purdue.

An Alumni's Thoughts

"I have just heard that Delta Delta has won the R.B. Stewart Award for 2004. This recognition and the 2004 Peterson Award are extraordinary testimony to the character, talents and commitment of my youngest Chapter Brothers. All Brothers of Delta Delta have enjoyed a rich heritage for more than 125 years as successive generations took inspiration and guidance from the cumulative achievements of the Chapter Founders and the long line of Brothers that followed in their footsteps. You have distinguished yourselves among all of these generations and are surely one of the best of the best. Congratulations and best wishes to all as you continue your academic experience and embark on your lives at Purdue."

Donald Bowers '68

Delta Delta Seeks Alumni Big Brothers

All of us remember the importance of a "Big Brother" as we traversed pledgship and our first years at Delta Delta. With the challenges that each undergraduate faces as they enter the "real world," Delta Delta is creating an alumni

mentoring program for each active brother. The role of an **Alumni Big Brother** is to give a brother whatever time they can to coach them by phone, email, or in person. To learn more contact Justin Brown at jpbrown@purdue.edu.

CHANGE AGENTS FUEL CHAPTER PROGRESS

Two words – change agents — have fueled the success of the chapter over the course of the past couple of years. A change agent is "a person who leads a change project or business-wide initiative by defining, researching, planning, building support and carefully selecting volunteers to be part of a change team. Change agents must have the conviction to state the facts based on data, even if the consequences are associated with unpleasantness."

Every year we have seen the numbers in the Greek Community dwindle and Greek houses all over the country each year have been shut down for their inability to adapt to change. At the same time the Delta Delta Chapter has been blessed with the opportunity to grow and excel beyond our greatest expectations. This can only attributed to the ability of the brothers in this house to lead Delta Delta out of the old and into the new. This year has already become a banner year for our chapter and its only October. We are proud to congratulate Brother Schnurr on becoming the new Student Body President. Brother Ryan Dupuis and Drew Brinkoetter were two of the seven candidates on this year's Homecoming court. We again have four members on the honorary Gimlet society. This year our chapter was awarded the Peterson award, as well as the top fraternity on campus. However these outstanding accomplishments did not happen over night. It has been a steady, deliberate, and focused effort that has helped get this house to where it is today.

Change is not easy and is almost always met with resistance, but it is See Change Agents Page 6

Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue University
House Corporation Meeting
October 16, 2004

Attendees:

John Eddy '59	William Baker '54	Richard Steingraber '54
Ron Karns '64	Tony D'Eramo '89	Harold Force '73
Brad Nihls '99	Clayton Force '02	Gary Thoe '79
Steve Sturman '77	Robert Haehl '76	Jim MacDonald '80
David Krumwiede '78	Jim Andrew '71	John Stevenson '50
Bernie Sergesketter '58	Jim Dora '58	Keith Krach '79
Dave Poelstra '72	George E. Bender '69	Scott Kaminski '80
Ken Kraft '56	Tom Leslie '68	Phil Steele '77

Call To Order:

House Corporation President Tom Leslie called the annual House Corporation Meeting to order on October 12, 2004 at 12:00 P.M. Tom thanked all present for their attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report:

House Corporation Treasurer Dave Poelstra distributed a Treasurer's report representing Income and Expenses from 1-1-04 through 10-16-04. The House Corp's Checking account balance as of 10-15-04 is \$56,134 which includes \$3,217 from the Portrait Restoration fund. The House Corporation cash reserve account totals \$18,645.

Major expenses this past year have included \$58,253 for repairs/remodeling and maintenance of \$3,710 (see Facilities Report); and the annual insurance premium of \$24,730.

Maintenance/Repairs Chapter House Facilities Report

Phil Steele on behalf of Tim Maloney reviewed the House Improvements and Maintenance report. The major improvements made this past year were in the complete renovation of the Freshman, Junior and Senior Cold Air Dorms. Twenty-six new "sleeping berths" were constructed in all three areas greatly improving the safety, appearance and utility of these areas. Additional closets were built in, along with the complete painting, patching and re-staining of the floors in the Freshman CAD. Sixteen new closet storage areas were built in the basement. Four heating units were replaced in the Great Hall; new sinks added in the bathroom between Rooms 15 and 16; new Game Room lights were installed; and the basketball goal was replaced. New closets, ceiling and flooring were also constructed in the Sewer.

The comments from those in attendance were that the chapter house has not looked this good in many years. Special thanks go to the chapter and Tim Maloney for all their hard work in accomplishing these many tasks.

Alumni Relations Report

Phil Steele updated everyone on the alumni relation's activities over the past 12 months. These included:

- ◆ Homecoming 2003: A large number of alumni returned for a great day of brotherhood and football. The Class of 1978 also held their reunion dinner in the Chapter's Dining Hall.
- ◆ Brotherhood Dinner: 12th Annual Dinner held in April 2004. 20 alumni in attendance.

- ◆ Alumni Golf Outing: Bob Burlas and team put on the 14th Annual event held in June at Purdue. 80 brothers returned for this outing.
- ◆ Three Delta Delta Datas published and a Christmas card sent to all alumni.
- ◆ Twenty alumni rush recommendations were received this past fall.

2004 Alumni Support Dues Program

Donations to the Alumni Support program in 2004 totaled \$15,330 from 427 contributors.

Ade, Bivins, Taylor Portrait Restoration

Through the dedicated and determined efforts of John Eddy and Guy Thomas the George Ade; Ben Taylor and Clarence Bivins portraits that have hung in the chapter library for many years were restored this past year. A photographic reproduction of the Ade painting was also made and it along with the Bivins and Taylor portraits are now back in the chapter library. The original Ade portrait valued at \$50,000 in a recent appraisal has been loaned to Purdue and will be on display at Ross Ade Stadium.

Undergraduate Chapter Report

Consul Drew Brinkoetter presented to the alumni contingent some of the highlights of the past year. These included receiving the Richard Hester Philanthropy award, the Petersen Award and the R.B. Stewart award given by Purdue. The chapter ranked 16th amongst fraternities in G.P.A. ranking and was above the all men's and all fraternity average. There are 54 brothers in the house currently and the chapter just took a new pledge class of 31 members.

Renovation Campaign Update

The Renovation Campaign is in its initial planning stage. Led by Bernie Sergesketter, Jim Dora and Harold Force, two outside firms Scholer Architects and Pennington Co. have been contracted to develop architectural recommendations and evaluate our chapter's fund raising capacity. Scholer's plans were presented at Homecoming and Pennington's report is due in early November. Updates will be posted on the Delta Delta alumni website.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Nominations and elections for House Corporation Directors were held. The following brothers were elected to a 3-year term: George Bender, Jim Andrew, John Eddy, Jeff McKean, Tony D'Eramo and Jim Trachtman.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Steele '77

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'48 **Thomas Dreisbach** reports that his grandson, Scott Dreisbach, is starting quarterback for the Arena Football League's Dallas Desporados. Scott is one of Tom's 20 grandchildren and five great grand kids. Tom is now located at 7400 NE 8th Ter, Boca Raton, FL 33487.

'74 **Kim Sermersheim** has moved from Switzerland to South America. Kim's new address is Casilla 09-03-30210 Guayaquil, Ecuador, South America.

'74 **Scott Renwick** and family have moved to a new home at 508 E. Center Ave., Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

'77 **Robert Nussmeier** joined Baker Concrete Construction in Houston, TX last November as their Business Development Manager. Bob and wife, Katy, Delta Delta's Sweetheart in 1977, have two children, Mark and Amy. Mark just graduated from college and Amy will do the same in May. As empty-nesters Bob and Katy can be found at

28318 Lauren Cove Ln., Spring, TX 77386. Email: RobertNussmeier@aol.com.

'85 **Guy Wilson** and his wife, Kath, along with kids Gabrielle (9), Brant (4) and Olivia (4) have relocated to 7946 Scottsdale Dr., Newburgh, IN 47630. Guy in a new role as Technology Manager at Alcoa's Warrick Operations. You can reach Guy at guypwilson@dellepro.com.

'85 **Brian Tulloh** is vice president of retail strategy and analysis for TXU Energy in Dallas, TX. You can find Brian at 4529 San Gabriel Dr., Dallas, TX 75229.

'92 **Robert Schroeder**, and wife, Elise, added a baby girl, Caroline Reilly, to their family on June 2. Bob also reports that he still has Thedog, Delta Delta's house dog from 1988 - 1991. Thedog just turned 16 years old and is still going strong. Thedog, Bob and his family reside at 17391 Fairhill Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048. Email: bobs@lakelandmedia.com.

'93 **G.A. Bernardin III** has moved with his wife, Jenny, to the Austin, TX from Portland, OR to begin work as a psychological consultant for the local medical facilities. They can be reached at 13105 Appaloosa Chase Dr., Austin, TX 78735. Email: GAB1855@aol.com.

'97 **Steve Cherry** married Kathleen Arnold on July 24 in a grand setting in the Tetons of Wyoming. Following the honeymoon Steve started medical school at Loyola University in Chicago. Steve and his new bride call home 925 W. Montana St., Unit D, Chicago, IL 60614. Email: Stevencherry@yahoo.com.

'98 **Brian Craig** has begun his studies at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Brian and his wife can now be reached at 2101 Chestnut St., #825, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Email: bhcraig1@yahoo.com.

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Alumni Newsnotes continued ...

'97 **Brett Henk** has sent us word that he is now at 9515 Broadway, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

'98 **Jeff Olson**, and wife, Amy, welcomed their daughter Ava Cameron on September 2. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz., and was 20 in. long. Jeff notes, "That she has blond hair and blue eyes. Perhaps a future Sweetheart!" Congratulations can be sent to Jeff and Amy at 90 Salem Ct., Springboro, OH 45066. Email: jeffrey.k.olson@delphi.com.

'99 **Ian Delaney** has moved to 48450 Ormond Dr., Belleville, MI 48111.

'00 **Nicholas Stallard** recently moved to Florida to become Director of Florida Operations for "The Reserves Network" Staffing Services. Nick can be reached at 8637 Pisa Dr., #1033, Orlando, FL 32810. Email: njstallard@yahoo.com.

'01 **Travis Bonnell** is a first year law student at Valparaiso University. Travis's new residence is 701 Beech St., Valparaiso, IN 46383. Email: bonnellt@hotmail.com.



50 Year Reunion Brothers enjoy time together as they recall their undergraduate days at Delta Delta.

'02 **Ben Liebert** is an Area Sales Manager-Contracts for GE Appliances. He now calls home 1015 Ryans Ct., Wilmington, NC 28412. Email: benjamin.liebert@ge.com.

'03 **Noah Clark** has settled on the West Coast. His new address is 780 Turtle Crest Dr., Irvine, CA 92603.

CHAPTER ETERNAL

..... All Honor To Their Names

'62 **Robert Schwettman**, Dallas, TX, 9-25-02.

'65 **William Edmundson**, Warsaw, IN, 12-23-02.

Change Agents continued ... the character and vision of the brothers that has helped overcome these obstacles.

Pledgeship has led the change process as Brothers Jesse Larose and Justin Brown have spent countless hours revamping our program. Gone are the days of little sleep and meaningless tasks. Today the pledges are challenged to become the best version of themselves. This way, when they become brothers they have the tools needed to succeed, and continue the Delta Delta tradition of being a leaders in the Greek and non Greek communities.

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