



# Delta Delta Data

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Greatest Generation returnees (L-R) Seated: G. Breuer, B. Leinberger, A. Strathman, B. DeMoss, and C. Dye Standing: G. Hines, J. Seeger, J. Black, R. Kullby, B. Canfield, J. Burgeson, B. Sergesketter, H. Kamp, S. Haynes, L. Fricke, R. Weiger, L. Black, B. Weaver, K. Carter, J. Guthrie, L. Duryea, J. Moore, and J. Dora

## GREATEST GENERATION BEATS A PATH TO "GOOD OLD 202"

"How about a final "Greatest Generation" chapter meeting? A lot of interesting and good things have happened in your life in the last 60 years because of PURDUE and SIGMA CHI. We are the lucky ones experiencing the last phase of our lives still able to travel back to our roots. So oil up your walker and beat a path to good old 202!"

So wrote Scott Haynes '47 as he encouraged brothers of the '40's and early '50's to return the weekend of October 3 - 4 to celebrate the reunion of the Greatest Generation. Twenty

four brothers from the Classes of 1940 to 1952 heeded the call of master organizers Scott Haynes '47 and Herm Kamp '48 and returned to Delta Delta to enjoy an activity packed weekend of brotherhood, football, and recapping over 60 years of Sigma Chi memories.

The reunion began Friday evening with an informal gathering of our Fraternity's elder statesmen as they joined with their spouses in the Great Hall to enjoy cocktails and appetizers. This was only a warm  
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## What A Treasure! Delta Delta Celebrates Alumni and Guests

"Thanks to all of you for being life long friends and one of a kind pledge brothers. Don't ever change!" was the sentiment noted by Brian Holtz '83 as he reflected on his return to Delta Delta for his class's 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. Jim Ries '83 remarked, "I truly had one of the most remarkable times in W. Lafayette that I can remember." Brothers Holtz and Ries, along with 15 of their pledge brothers returned to check out the "new house," head back to Ross Ade for a football game, and most importantly meet up with and catch up with their Delta Delta brothers. This group appeared to have lost nothing since 1983 in the form of youthful energy as they met for golf, dinners at McGraw's and Bruno's, football, hanging out at the chapter house and in Keith Krach's suite at the Union. The stories, the reminiscing, it all seemed like just yesterday when they were back at 202 Littleton, pulling wake, partying with the Chi O's, and celebrating a Boiler victory in the Liberty Bowl.

Randy Cecola '83 said it well. "There are no words to describe how awesome it was to see everyone and hang and laugh and eat and drink together. I don't know about you, but I don't get that kind of time in my life very much and most of that has to do with the  
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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 1887

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## Consul's Corner ..... Matt Gadus '09

As the fall semester is coming to a close, it has been a memorable one thus far. We were fortunate enough to host the "Greatest Generation" from the classes of 1940-1952 on the weekend of the Penn State game, and it turned out to be a very special weekend for the alumni and undergraduate brothers alike. It was truly remarkable to see the alumni, who have been out of the house for over 50 years, get together and interact as if it's been a week since seeing each other. Seeing the bonds that they share truly epitomizes the statement "life-long friends." A few of the other memorable events we have held this semester include our Dad's Day, Homecoming, and a haunted house for children in the Lafayette area.

The semester started with a hectic Recruitment period and has not slowed down. This year we inducted a pledge class of 29. We expect great things from this group of young men.

Another big event during this semester has been the transition to a new chapter advisor, Jay Andrew. Jay has picked up right where Phil Steele left off, and the chapter is in great hands with Jay at the helm. Jay has been a great source of advice and information for me, and I would like to thank him for that.

In closing, I only have a little time left as Consul of the Delta Delta chapter, and I would like to thank the rest of the undergraduate brothers for the great opportunity to serve as their Consul. Although the past year has not been perfect, I truly believe that our house has made huge strides over the past year to make our chapter the best that it can be. To all of the alumni who have been there whenever I have had a question or needed ad-

vice, I cannot thank you enough, and hopefully one day I can provide a future Consul with that same help.

## House Corporation, Chapter Recognize Phil Steele '77

The House Corporation and Chapter took the opportunity at this year's House Corp meeting to recognize the service of outgoing Chapter Advisor Phil Steele '77.

The undergraduates presented Brother Steele with a plaque designating him as the Philip Bowers Chapter Advisor of the Year award for 2008. This honor is given by Purdue's Interfraternity Council to the top fraternity advisor for the past year.

Scott Brenton on behalf of Delta Delta's many alumni also recognized Phil (and his wife Cinde) for their over 16 years of service to the chapter and its alumni. Scott presented Phil with a monetary gift that is earmarked for a special get-away.

Phil stated to those present, "that serving as Chapter Advisor has been a very fulfilling experience. I am very humbled by all the kind remarks I have received, and am truly thankful for the friendships I have gained through my involvement with Delta Delta."

**Delta Delta Christmas Beer  
Champps  
Keystone at the Crossing  
Indianapolis  
Thursday, December 18  
4 PM to Whenever**

Grab a brother and join the local area Sigs for a special holiday gathering. It's a great chance to visit with old friends, make new connections, and enjoy the holiday spirit(s). Contact Jeff McKean at [jeff@mckeanlaw.com](mailto:jeff@mckeanlaw.com) for additional details.



### ***Greatest Generation continued***

up as the group returned the next day to tour the house, enjoy brunch and then head for Ross-Ade stadium for the game against Penn State.



**Gathering at Delta Delta (L-R) Keith Carter '49, Gerald Hines '46, Scott Haynes '47, Ralph Weiger '48.**

Saturday evening found over 40 brothers and their guests back at the Chapter House for a social hour and a catered dinner. The evening was hosted by the undergraduates who tended the bar, served the dinner and had a chance to learn about life at Delta Delta

during the era around World War II. In this group were Significant Sigs Gerald Hines '46 and Ralph Weiger '49, former Purdue football coach Bob DeMoss '49, and 1948 Olympic silver medalist Keith Carter '49.



**Larry Fricke '48**

Saturday evening Larry Fricke '48 commented, "That this was the best reunion he had attended." For many in attendance this was the first time they had visited the renovated chapter house. Each seemed to be very impressed with how the integrity of the Great Hall and other public rooms had been maintained.

Following dinner there were special presentations made to our returning brothers. Each received a Semi Century pin from Sigma Chi headquarters and Phil Steele '77,

on behalf of the undergraduates and alumni, presented a John McCutcheon print of "The Old Grad" to each guest. This prints were created from the original McCutcheon work found in the Delta Delta Library that features Significant Sig Lawrence Downs 1894 seated in front of the Great Hall fireplace where he admonishes the older undergraduates to set the right example for their younger brothers.

The evening ended with this illustrious group singing Sig songs with the same gusto and spirit they had as young men so many, many years ago. Thank you brothers for returning and showing all of us the true meaning of life-long brotherhood and friendship.

### **Annual Fund Expands Alumni Relations Program**

**By Phil Steele '77**

The Delta Delta Annual Fund is now under way and expands on the former Alumni Support Dues Program.

Along with supporting the alumni relations programs which include the Delta Delta Data, and hosting alumni events like Homecoming, the Brotherhood Dinner and Alumni Golf Outing, the Annual Fund will provide funds for the long term maintenance of our newly renovated Chapter House. Scholarships will also become available from these funds.

The Annual Fund needs the support of each and every Delta Delta alumni brother. As in the past "dues" contributions of \$25 to \$50 are greatly appreciated. To reach our goal we ask those brothers with the means to give at higher levels. Contributions of over \$500 are tax deductible.

The second request for the Annual Fund has been mailed. Through your donation please help us preserve our investment in Delta Delta's future.

### **Memory of '47 I.U.—Purdue Game Refreshed**

Ralph Weiger '48 also took the opportunity at the Greatest Generation Reunion to dispel a long standing point of disagreement between Ralph and brother Bob DeMoss '49. It seems that Bob, Purdue's quarterback in 1947, claims that the touchdown pass he threw to Ralph in the 1947 IU- Purdue game was right on the numbers and a catch anyone could handle.

Brother Weiger, who begged to differ, contacted Indiana University who dug through the archives and found 8 mm film from the 1947 game showing the touchdown play that was in dispute. The film clip showed an outstretched Weiger catching the ball while falling backward into the end zone.

At least from this evidence, Bob's accuracy and memory were both a little suspect. To the laughter and heckling of his fellow brothers Ralph presented Bob with the enlarged and laminated film clip as a memento of their day when together they beat the Hoosiers.



**Ralph Weiger provides Bob DeMoss with proof of the disputed catch.**



## Class of '58 Celebrates 50th Reunion, Chicago Style



D. Trieschmann

Fourteen members of the Class of 1958 gathered for their landmark 50<sup>th</sup> reunion the weekend of October 17 – 18 in Chicago. Festivities included a dinner at the Chicago Club where the brothers were called up on the bricks, the Purdue-Northwestern football game, and a tailgate party where Don Trieschmann played

his bagpipes just like he did at 202 Littleton Street "back in the day." For these men who have remained so close for so many years this was just one more opportunity for them to create another special memory as "Sigs for all eternity."



Class of '58 (L-R) Kneeling: G. Morton, B. Hamilton, D. Trieschmann, D. Oelerich, J. Sand, Standing: B. Bolles '56 (Rush chairman), J. Dora, P. Clark, H. Thompson, B. Elsperson, B. Puzey, B. Sergesketter, G. Valaoras, D. Streff

### REUNIONS *continued*

people. You men are the best!! What a treasure!!"



Class of '83 (L-R) Front: B. Holtz, J. Ries, D. Westerback, Back: G. Thomas, P. Hadley, D. Inlow, E. Heeke, R. Cecola, M. Liesman, Stu Jepson, D. Steele, Steve Jepson, M. Carlson

The Class of 1978 also returned to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Organized by Doug and Sally Hull, the returning brothers enjoyed a very nice evening at Delta Delta where they met for a social hour and catered dinner in the Dining Room. Around the dinner tables the brothers and their wives reflected on their days as undergraduates. The active chapter did an outstanding job of having the chapter house in pristine condition

for the return of their guests. Greg Harbaugh noted, "Please pass along the collective gratitude from the '78 guys to the undergrads - the dinner Friday night was really special and we very much appreciate how welcome we were made to feel." The Class of '78, along with their dinner at the house, attended the pre-game brunch, the football game, tailgated with the Hull's, and headed for Arni's

Saturday evening for

some "comfort food." The more adventurous brothers returned to the chapter house to "party with the bro's". Doug Hull captured the spirit of the 30 year brothers when he remarked, "A good time was had by all, and we haven't changed a bit".

Homecoming each year gives our alumni a chance to return and reflect back on their college days. Dave Westerbeck '83 commented on his return, "I know if I were to give it one word it would be "special". For those who haven't taken the time to come back to 202 and relive the memories with those that were a special part of their years at Purdue, they are missing out on an experience that will provide memories for a lifetime. My pledge brothers remain as my dearest friends and even though there may be significant gaps in our visits, it is as though a day has never passed, when we do get together. This Homecoming weekend was living proof."



Class of '78 (L-R) G. Harbaugh, D. Krumweide, R. Keagy, J.B. Carson, R. Perry, B. Petit, J. Stone, D. Hull



## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ..... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ....

**Charles Richard Starbuck '41** entered Chapter Eternal on July 18. His wife of 65 years, Shirley, wrote that Dick loved being a Sigma Chi and being at Purdue. After leaving Purdue, he was a Navy navigator on four ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Dick loved to sing and was part of many church choirs and other choral groups wherever he lived. Music added a lot to his life. Shirley noted, "Thanks to all of you for all you've done to keep in touch with your mailings and news. Dick did appreciate it." She also commented, "The ring I gave him with a Sigma Chi crest on it is now proudly worn by our nephew who is an Ohio State Sig."

**John F. Leonard '49** passed away suddenly on April 28. He and his wife of 59 years, Joanne, resided at 9013 Teal Place, St. John, IN 46373.

**'79 Glenn Weckerlin** is Global Director, Brand & Product Line Management for Chevron. Glenn is now residing back in the U.S. after a stint in Asia where he lived in Singapore.

Glenn had an opportunity to host a number of clients at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing where he took in a number of different sporting events. Glenn can be reached via email at [grweckerlin@chevron.com](mailto:grweckerlin@chevron.com).

**'83 Joel Hammond** has a new job as a general surgeon at Bellevue Surgical Associates in St. Louis. Joel also announced he is getting married in January to Gabriele Nash, a Delta Gamma at DePauw. Joel can presently be contacted at 590 Southbrook Dr., Kirkwood, MO 63122. Email: [goboilers@aol.com](mailto:goboilers@aol.com).

**'08 Mark Simhauser** is now among the Cornhuskers and resides at 308 O Street, Aurora, NE 68818. Mark is working for a construction firm and making the most of his Purdue and Delta Delta education. Mark would love visitors! Email: [msimhauser@gmail.com](mailto:msimhauser@gmail.com).



**Cheering on the Boilers (L-R) Front: J. McKean, L. Sterry, J. Emhardt Back: D. Hull, T. Hull, G. Thoe, P. Steele**  
**Cheering on the Oregon Ducks: Clarke McAllister '79**

**Clarke McAllister '79** returned to Purdue with mixed allegiances. Clarke, as Chapter Advisor for the Sigs at the University of Oregon, has become a big Duck fan. In the case of the Purdue, Oregon game he couldn't lose. Clarke you'll always welcome back at Delta Delta.

### Alumni NewsNotes Needed

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## '68 SIGS HONOR PLEDGE BROTHER STOCK AT 40TH REUNION

The class of 1968 celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> reunion with a special event at George Ade's home in Brook, Indiana, where they presented pledge brother, Stu Stock (IE68), his Significant Sig Award.



Nearly all the '68 graduating class attended a dinner at the home of playwright, George Ade, Saturday night of Homecoming Weekend. When this class entered college in 1964 they had seen a Viet Nam "conflict" develop into a full-scale war including the Tet Offensive of 1968. They experienced mandatory ROTC, women's 'hours' at the dorms and sorority houses, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Lovin' Spoonful, the draft, and the end of the gold standard for American's currency, as well as the first Rose Bowl for Purdue in 1967. Members of the class were represented on Purdue's baseball, football, basketball and golf teams. It boasted having simultaneously the Student Union President and the Student Body President both of whom obtained honors as members of Iron Key. Seven members were Gimlets.

Brother Stu Stock accompanied by his wife, Ann, received his Significant Sig Award in the presence of pledge brothers and sweethearts at the dinner. Stock is a lawyer with Covington and Burling, Washington D.C., and now holds the position of Partner of the Financial Institutions Group. After attending Harvard Law School, Stock served as a law clerk for the Hon. Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit and as Judicial Clerk for the late Hon. Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court. Having now practiced law for over thirty years, his contributions in the field of banking law as well as his dedicated service to his community as Chairman of the pro bono program of Covington & Burling

earned him a number one ranking in an annual survey of *The American Lawyer*.

Friday evening the class was treated to a reception at the home of Hank Suerth (IM68) in Lafayette. As each class member arrived, they were greeted with warm affection which has carried over from the days at Delta Delta and has not been forgotten. The brothers were treated to great food, drink, and hospitality. Stories recollecting college days at 202 Littleton provided for a late night and a promise to return again in five years.



Class of '68 (L-R) Front: M. Schellhase, M. Campbell, F. Hughes, T. Leslie, L. McMillan, K. Schutte, A. Breidenbaugh Back: H. Suerth, J. Newsom, R. Kaley, D. Widell, M. Wheeler, D. Bowers, J. Maggart, J. Robson, J. Chapin, S. Stock

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