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Harold Force '73 (L) receives the McCutcheon "Old Grad" print from Bart Burrell '81 at the annual House Corporation meeting.

Chapter "Grateful" For Force's Contributions

At this year's annual House Corporation meeting Harold Force '73 passed the gavel to Bart Burrell '81 as the next Board President. For those in the room there was a tremendous sense of appreciation owed to a brother whose contributions to Delta Delta over the past seven years have led our chapter through some of its greatest change in its 135 year history.

Harold was one of the original group who surveyed the chapter house in October 2003 and made the commitment to resurrect our 94 year old chapter house. As a significant contributor in both time and resources Harold oversaw the Building Committee during the renovation campaign. His knowledge, insight and tremendous energy kept the chapter house renovation project moving while addressing the numerous challenges that go along with an undertaking of this magnitude. From 2003 through 2007 Harold took part in countless review meetings with the architects and contractors and visits to inspect the work prior to the undergraduates moving back in the fall of 2007. Harold's dedication and attention to detail ensured that the expectations of all undergraduate and alumni brothers were met.

Harold then graciously agreed to help with the transition into the new chapter house by assuming the role as President of the House Corporation.

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Reunions, Recognition, Tailgates and Football Highlight Homecoming

Reunions, recognition, tailgates and football made Homecoming 2010 one of the most memorable. The day was filled with many, many alumni and family gathering at Delta Delta, the special recognition of three distinguished brothers, and the return of the Classes of 1980 and 1995.

The day got off to an early start with the House Corp meeting held at 8:30 in the Library. During the well attended meeting the different committee chairmen gave updates on the past year's activities. Outgoing Board President Harold Force '73 was recognized for his service for the past 7 years. It was also noted that Delta Delta once again was selected by the Sigma Chi Board of Trustees as an "Outstanding House Corporation".

As part of Purdue's Cradle of Quarterbacks recognition, Jim Everett '86 returned to Delta Delta with his wife, Rachel, to be honored by the University. At the chapter house Jim Vrugink and Bart Burrell presented Jim with his "Cradle of Quarterbacks" jacket. The All American and NFL quarterback spoke fondly of his days at Purdue and Delta Delta noting "The brotherhood at the house was as special as the time on the field." Later in the afternoon Jim was recognized at Ross Ade stadium for his achievements.

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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 Brandon Cortez '11

Over the past two semesters there have been tremendous accomplishments in the areas of community leadership, campus involvement and brother participation. Looking back, we had an excellent recruitment period that is paying dividends with an outstanding group of brothers to be, the pledge class of 2014. We also are building relationships with a new House Corporation President Bart Burrell and his Executive Committee. The working relationship that currently exists between the undergraduate chapter and House Corporation has reached a point of which we all are extremely proud.

In mid-September, the University mandated a Social Moratorium that was placed on all Greek Houses and Co-Op Organizations. The restrictions were enacted due to an increase in alcohol related arrests and violations. I am proud to say that our undergraduates spearheaded the week long moratorium and organized new initiatives to raise alcohol awareness. One such event was the *Greeks for Awareness Concert* that was inspired by brothers John Hoehn '12 and Mark Back '13. This was a benefit concert featuring our very own band, *The Subrosas*. The concert promoted alcohol awareness at Purdue University and the proceeds benefited D.A.R.E. of Lafayette. The event put us in very good light with the University and the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Sigma Chi's campus involvement continues to be at an unparalleled level within the Greek Community. With brothers Adam Puterbaugh '10 and David Pison '13 serving on the IFC's Board of Directors as well as Chad McCoy '11, Daniel Marklin '13 and Robby Pevonka '13 participating as Hosts in the 2010 Purdue University Old Masters Program. Our representation at home football games is still very high with brothers Joe Wolski '11, Mike Bell '11 and myself being members of Gimlet Leadership Honorary.

The undergraduate elections are to be held in mid-November with numerous quality candidates available to replace our existing officers. With my term coming to an end, I am proud to say that our brothers have made significant strides over the last year. I am confident that our relationship with the Office of the Dean of Students following our chapter's probation in 2009 is at an all-time high; that our brothers take as much pride as ever in their officer responsibilities; and that our relationship with the House Corporation and alumni has never been better. It has been an honor to serve this great fraternity and more specifically, this one of a kind chapter.



The Subrosas band consists of brothers (L-R) Ben Hester '12, David Pison '12, Mark Back '13, Nolan Sanders '13 and Alex King '13.

Force Honored continued

Once again Harold's attention to detail and work behind the scenes brought greater structure and participation to the House Corporation and insured our investment was well maintained. New by laws, committees, and more active undergraduate participation were all put in place.

Bernie Sergesketter '58 remarked, "Our chapter is so fortunate to have a brother of Harold's abilities, energy, and dedication. While leading a major construction company as its CEO, he tirelessly, expertly, and simultaneously brought his many talents to bear on the Chapter House Renovation. Those of you who have seen the chapter house since August 2007 have expressed an emotion akin to



2007 House Dedication Harold is joined by his son Clayton (L) and Consul Chris Horney.

awe at what was accomplished. Brothers, it wasn't by accident. Harold Force's attention to detail, standards of excellence, and generosity of time and treasure brought this extraordinary result to fruition. We are all in his debt."

The chapter and alumni presented Harold with a framed print of John T. McCutcheon's "Old Grad" and a gift certificate for a highly regarded Chicago restaurant. Harold, for all you have given to "Dear Ol' Delta Delta", we are truly grateful.



Bart Burrell (L) presents Jim Everett with his Cradle of Quarterbacks jacket.

Homecoming 2010 continued

Significant Sigs Joe Kelly '66 and Mark Sand '73 both received their Significant Sig plaques in a tribute led by their pledge brothers. Pledge brothers Tom Canfield and Eric Schmidt, along with long time Sigma Chi associate Bill Hunt gave a great accounting of Joe's time at Delta Delta and his contributions to many over the years. Brother Kelly remarked, "It was truly a special occasion for me - one that I will remember fondly forever." Pledge brother Harold Force spoke fondly of Mark Sands remarkable career and time at Purdue. Mark in his remarks to a packed Great Hall crowd, noted how humbled and appreciative he



The Class of '80 sporting "202" hats enjoyed their reunion and time at the Delta Delta Alumni tailgate.

was to be so recognized.

The Classes of 1980 and 1995 spent the weekend celebrating their 30th and 15th reunions. The Class of '80 enjoyed dinner at the chapter house Friday evening and time hanging out at the house, alumni tailgate and football game. Wearing yellow hats emblazoned with "202", the 21 brothers who returned had a memorable time.

The Class of '95 hosted their own tailgate and dinner and enjoyed a great weekend. Jim MacDonald '80 said it well, "As life goes by at break-

neck speed, and we are raising kids, paying bills, taking care of relatives, and being pulled from 150 different directions, I realize how important these reunion weekends are. They remind us how lucky we are to be part of something so great."

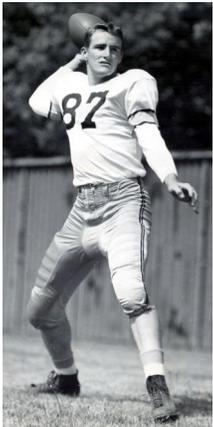


(L-R) Keith Krach and Consul Brandon Cortez honor Significant Sig Mark Sand

(L-R) Tom Canfield, Joe Kelly, Bill Hunt and Eric Schmidt spoke on Joe's behalf.

SIGS LEAD PURDUE “CRADLE OF QUARTERBACKS”

Many schools boast of tradition. But none can match Purdue's tradition of turning out top-flight quarterbacks. In recognition of this heritage Purdue's top 12 quarterbacks of all-time were selected as part of this year's "Cradle of Quarterbacks" campaign.



Bob DeMoss '49

Five Delta Delta quarterbacks, Bob DeMoss '49, Bob Griese '67, Mark Herrmann '81, Jim Everett '86 and Drew Brees '01, were selected as part of this auspicious group.

The "Cradle of Quarterbacks" has evolved over the last half century as a defining feature of Purdue football. The QB's have set numerous NCAA and Big Ten Conference records, many have been chosen as All-Americans, national awards winners or finalists, four of them have been selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame – including Mark Herrmann '81 just this year – and two are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Fifteen former Purdue quarterbacks have advanced to play in the National Football League, accumulating more starts and throwing for more touchdown passes and more yardage than those from any other school.

And now, with Drew Brees '01 joining Len Dawson and Bob Griese '67 as Super Bowl champion quarter-

backs, Purdue is one of just two universities that can claim three Super Bowl champs at that position. (The other school is Alabama with Bart Starr, Kenny Stabler and Joe Namath.)

This fall, those 12 QBs are being featured each week during the football season. Brother DeMoss was featured during the Sept. 11 home



Mark Herrmann '81

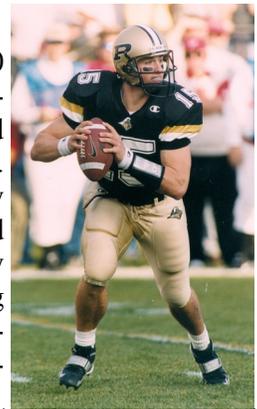
game versus Western Illinois and Jim Everett '86 on Oct. 16 during Homecoming vs. Minnesota.

Herrmann '81 was double honored on Nov. 6 when he received his College Football Hall of Fame plaque from the National Football Foundation and his Cradle of Quarterbacks jacket during the Wisconsin game.

The "Cradle of Quarterbacks" tradition started with Sigma Chi Bob DeMoss, who gained fame as a freshman from Dayton, KY, leading his 1945 Purdue team into the Horseshoe in Columbus, Ohio, and upsetting the No. 4-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes, 35-13.

Bob DeMoss passed up an opportunity to play professional football and stayed at his alma mater as the

quarterbacks coach for 20 years before becoming head coach in 1970. Along the way he recruited and developed many of the stars being honored this season. He is credited with being the "father" of the "Cradle of Quarterbacks."



Drew Brees '01

Purdue's 2010 "Cradle of Quarterbacks" honorees include (in alphabetical order; Sigs highlighted):

- * **Drew Brees** (1997-2000)
- * Scott Campbell (1980-83)
- * Gary Danielson (1970-72)
- * Len Dawson (1954-56)
- * **Bob DeMoss** (1945-48)
- * **Jim Everett** (1981-85)
- * **Bob Griese** (1964-66)
- * **Mark Herrmann** (1977-80)
- * Kyle Orton ((2001-04)
- * Curtis Painter (2005-08)
- * Mike Phipps (1967-69)
- * Dale Samuels (1950-52)

Delta Delta Launches Updated Website

Thanks to the efforts of Brian Ballard '08, Jake Henry '96 and Jack Lynch '12, the alumni and undergrad websites have been combined into one. Check out TheSigHouse.com for information on both undergraduate and alumni activities and more.

Alumni News Notes Needed

Send in news on new jobs, births, moves, promotions, vacations by filling in the form on Page 5 or emailing your news updates to: steele202@comcast.net.



Jim Everett '86

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Jim Seeger '50 a former House Corporation member and local Lafayette businessman entered Chapter Eternal on November 1. Jim grew up in Lafayette and served in the Navy during World War II. An active member of the Lafayette community for many years, Jim was a founding member of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, a John Purdue Club member, and active with Delta Delta.

John "Jack" Krc '60 entered Chapter Eternal on October 15. He was living in Round Rock, TX. Jack upon graduating from Purdue spent three tours of duty in Vietnam and one tour in Germany. In lived for many years in West Lafayette, noted his brother Dan Kirk ΔΔ '52.

Carl Grotnes '75 entered Chapter Eternal on September 16 at the age of 57 from complications while awaiting a heart transplant. He was a member of the Purdue Presidents Council, John Purdue Club, Atlanta Purdue Alumni Association, Sigma Chi Fraternity, The Atlanta Athletic Club and the Dunwoody Country Club. Carl joined the family business

in 1975 and later became president of Atlanta Grotnes Machine Co.

His family ties to Purdue were strong. The large statue of the Purdue Boilermaker that greets football fans on the east side of Ross-Ade stadium was contributed by the Grotnes family in honor of Carl's grandfather. Carl noted that when the statue was being created he had the ΣX letters etched into it as part of his legacy.

Carl will be remembered for his warm spirit, fun loving nature, and dedication to his family and friends.

Joseph Zerbo '08, entered chapter eternal on September 8 at the age of 25. Brother Zerbo was an inspiration to and a leader of his pledge class, chapter, university and community. Joe's passion for life was matched only by his love and dedi-



Class of '08 brothers place a memorial to Joe Zerbo in the front lawn of the Delta Delta Chapter House on November 13.

cation to his family and friends. Joseph walked the path less traveled, not because it was easy, but because he challenged himself every day to accomplish more. He inspired many by his words, and even more by his actions. Joseph will be missed and admired by everyone he touched as a son, brother, cousin, friend and Sigma Chi. There was no challenge too difficult, no hill too steep, and no accomplishment out of reach for Joe; he achieved it all and will be missed.

Chapter Eternal
"All honor to their names"
 Eugene Branning '42, Evanston, IL;
 Sept. 2010

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Weckerlin Returns as Old Master

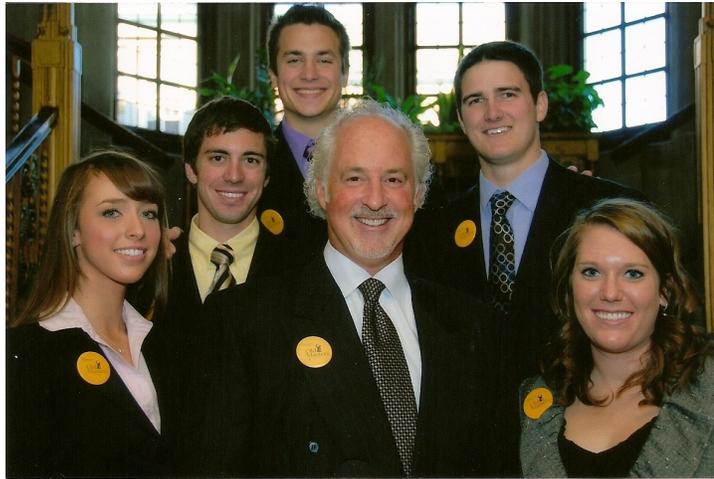
Purdue University's Old Masters program kicked off again this year on November 8.

Delta Delta alumnus Glen Weckerlin '79 was one of the 11 distinguished Old Masters honored. Glen Weckerlin is the global director of brand and product line management for Chevron. The company provides financial and management

support to the United States and international subsidiaries that engage in petroleum and chemical operations as well as power generation and energy services.

Chad McCoy '11 was part of the Old Masters group that welcomed Weckerlin back to Purdue. When asked about his thoughts of the Old Master, McCoy commented, "Glen Weckerlin is a great guy and a great brother. For someone with an engineering and law degree, it was interesting to me that he knew so much about the business world. It was great to hear his

insights on how marketing affected the global economy. He also talked



Glen Weckerlin '79 is surrounded by his Old Masters Host and Hostesses. Second from right is Brother Chad McCoy '11.

about knowing your own principles and making sure you live them. When someone asks you your core beliefs, you don't really need to tell them because you demonstrate these principles in your actions on a daily basis. Brother Weckerlin also highlighted the need to continually challenge yourself. If you're not getting challenged everyday, you need to find something that stretches your capabilities. I really enjoyed my time with this program and I'm glad I had the opportunity to get to know this Sigma Chi brother."

"Special Young Man" Joins Sigma Chi Brotherhood

For 15 years Ryan Steele has been a regular participant in many Sigma Chi events. He has greeted alumni at Homecoming and joined them at tailgates. He can also often be found tossing the football or Frisbee with one of the brothers on the front lawn, or joining them for lunch while his father, Phil Steele '77 attended to business at the chapter.

Thanks to efforts from several alumni, most notably Bernie Sergesketter '58 and Jeff Early '77, with the full support of the undergraduates, Ryan Steele was initiated into our fraternity on November 20 as part of Sigma Chi's Non-Student Initiation process. Ryan, a young man with special needs, is a true example of our Sigma Chi ideals.

A large group of alumni and active brothers watched as Ryan's father, Phil, placed the badge on his son. We are honored to have Ryan join our sacred brotherhood.



Ryan and Phil Steele

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