



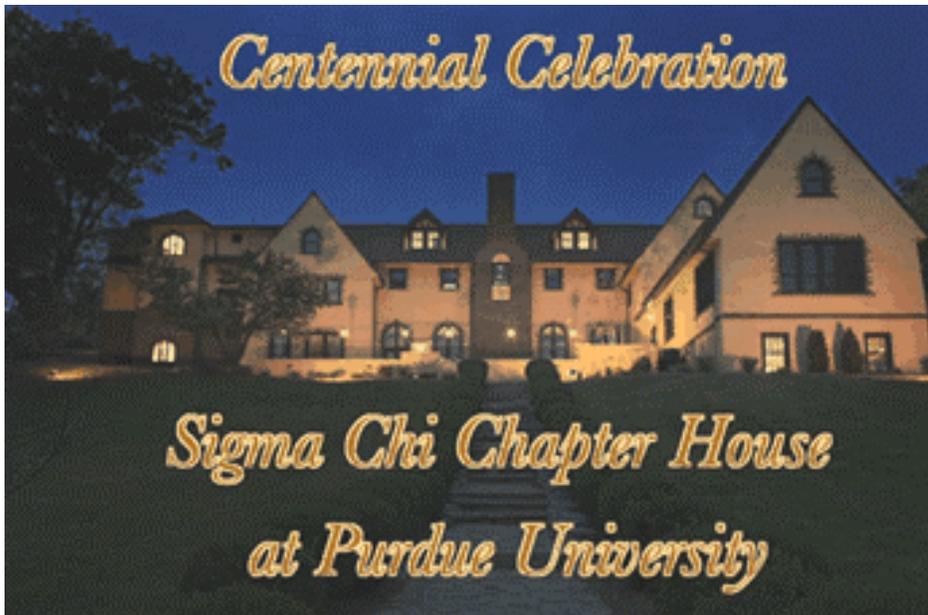
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Sigs Celebrate 100 Years of Delta Delta History

"The 100th Delta Delta house celebration was the finest and most rewarding event I have ever attended of this type," noted Mic Mead '55 in an email updating his brother on the Centennial Celebration weekend. Brother Mead stated, "The Great Hall and west end of the Dining Room were cleared and filled with 170 chairs facing the podium which was in front of the Game Room. There were a few standing plus the balcony was filled with underclassmen. The speakers were inspiring and FUNNY and reflected on their time in the house. They clearly enjoyed their rolls --much more than in my time."

Brothers from the 1940's through the 2000's returned to 202 Littleton Street the weekend of September 13-

15 to celebrate two more significant milestones in the long and storied history of the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Led by master of ceremonies, Keith Krach '79, this grand gathering of brothers captured the spirit of the past and the hope for Delta Delta's next 100 years and beyond.

It was a cool, dreary day in April 1912 when George Ade and others of his era broke ground on what was to become the first fraternity house at Purdue – the Delta Delta Chapter House. 100 years later on the anniversary of the formal dedication of the chapter house in 1913, over 200 Sigs and their guests gathered to hear brothers of *See 100 Years Celebrated .. Page 3*

"Securing the Future of Delta Delta" Campaign Achieves Goals

On the 100th Anniversary of the Delta Delta Chapter House what could be more fitting than closing out the 10 year long campaign to "Secure the Future of Delta Delta". This campaign to renovate the chapter house became the largest and most successful fund raising and building campaign ever accomplished by a Greek organization.

Campaign chairmen Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jim Dora '58 and Harold Force '73 each spoke to the crowd about the challenges of the campaign and the incredible support they received. Each of the over 800 contributors was recognized in the program brochure as Bernie exclaimed with a heartfelt, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you."

With the successful conclusion of the campaign and the raising of \$7.4 million, it was time for Bernie, Jim, Harold and Tom Leslie '68 to burn the mortgage in the Great Hall fireplace. As each page of the mortgage went up in flames, the crowd cheered.

The Delta Delta House Corporation also took this opportunity to present Bernie, Jim and Harold with a print of an original water color painting done of the renovated chapter house. The large original painting will hang in the Library above the fireplace.



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 Alex Dexeus '15

As the new Consul I am honored to report that this past semester has been very rewarding with many events involving our alumni and active chapter.

We greet this upcoming year with ambitious goals in academics, philanthropy, and brotherhood for our chapter. This past semester we were ranked 8th out of all fraternities for grades, and our goal is to be ranked in the top 5 after this current semester.

Derby Days, our annual philanthropy is shaping up to be a great success this year with brothers Stu Hester '14 and Spencer Owen '16 leading the charge. Brotherhood is also strong as ever, this year we have over 15 brothers who are planning on attending the annual Purdue Ski Trip in Telluride, CO.

Our annual Blue Formal Dance was a great success this year as well. Our beloved Great Hall was wonderfully decorated for the Christmas season and all of the brothers enjoyed an excellent evening with their beautiful dates. As the clock struck midnight at the dance, the Sigs serenaded and crowned Cecilia Daizovi of Delta Gamma, our Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

Brother Mark Lester '75 returned to Delta Delta to receive his Significant Sig honor. He also continued the trend of Sigma Chi's being honored as a Purdue Old Master. Through this program Brother Lester shared his experiences with

many students on campus. He also visited the active chapter for dinner and a fireside conversation. Brian



L-R: Sigs Brandt Rogers '16, Kevin Wissler '16, and John Hettinga '15 with their Blue Formal dates.

Wehrhahn '14 will continue Delta Delta's long string of brothers serving on Old Masters Central Committee.

The undergraduates were honored to be part of the Centennial Celebration held in September. Over 200 alumni and sweethearts returned home to celebrate. We enjoyed hearing from many alumni regarding highlights of their time spent at the chapter house, and challenges faced along the way, including the challenge of raising money for the recent renovation.

On behalf of the chapter, I wish every one a Happy Holiday!



Significant Sig Mark Lester '75 (center) returns to Delta Delta as part of the 2013 Old Master's Program.

100 Years Celebrated cont..

different eras tell stories of their days at Delta Delta. Al Menke '43, who was Consul in 1943, stood before the audience and relived his days at Purdue when the Sigs had to move out of the chapter house to make room for Army personnel who came to Purdue for training. Other brothers shared their often hilarious stories to the enthusiastic crowd. These included Scott Haynes '47, Doug Streff '58, Bob Kaley '68, J.B. Carson '78, Marc Carlson '83 & Jay Andrew '98.

Mic Mead '55 took this occasion to present Delta Delta with a Purdue University seal that had been owned by his father, Ray Mead '21. The brass seal mounted on an oak base had hung in the chapter house in 1920 when Ray Mead '21 was an undergraduate. Mic recounted the history of the seal and how he and his father had kept in their possession for over 90 years. The seal will be placed on display in the chapter library.

The Class of '73 continued to exemplify the true spirit of youth as they gathered for their 40th reunion. As part of their celebration Harold Force '73 composed the next classic Sigma Chi song titled "Silver Sigma Chis". Performed for the first time ever, the Class of '73 crooned of their sweethearts - blond, brunette and red head - who had captured their hearts many years ago. With the entire crowd joining in on the final stanza, they sang, "We stand together arm and arm, the Silver Sigma Chis." To a standing ovation, and a tear in their eye, the Class of '73 took their seats.

It is hard to imagine an event that better captured the spirit of Delta Delta's long and illustrious history. All those present are certain that George Ade, and our many brothers who have gone before us, would have been very proud to be a Sigma Chi on this day.



L-R: Jim Dora '58, Bernie Sergesketter '58 and Harold Force '73 are all smiles as they "Burn the Mortgage" to end the Securing the Future of Delta Delta campaign.

Class of '75 Honors Newest Significant Sig

Many hadn't seen each other in years, but several members of the Class of '75 made the trek back to 202 Littleton just to be part of the Significant Sig presentation to their pledge brother Mark Lester. Along with the Sigs, all of Mark's family was also in attendance on the Ohio State football weekend of November 2-3.

Making the presentation in the Great Hall of the Significant Sig certificate, pin and medal to Brother Lester were pledge brothers Dave Graefnitz and John Taylor. Each took their turn highlighting Mark's stellar career and impact on generations to come. Dave stated, "Having known Mark for over 40 years, I can attest that he not only exceeds the high standards of the Significant Sig award for his achievements in the business world, he also represents the best of



Mark Lester '75 (L) receives his Significant Sig plaque from Dave Graefnitz '75.

the best in the world at large."

House Corporation President Bart Burrell noted, "I was honored to be a part of the event. It was great being there and listening to the presentation. Mark is very deserving and it certainly was the highlight of the day!"

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Reunion Classes Return and Return and Return

Reunion classes of all eras made their way back to Delta Delta for some



great memories and brotherhood. Some of the returning classes chose to return during the Centennial Celebration, some at Homecoming and others over different weekends. Regardless of when they returned they all brought the "spirit of youth" back to 202 Littleton St.

The Class of 1963 returned to celebrate their 50th Reunion the weekend of Oct. 11 – 13. Friday night they met and had dinner at Ross Ade Stadium in the Shively Room, and Saturday following the football game they reconvened at



the Moses Fowler House in Lafayette where they enjoyed cocktails and dinner, one of Bill Vahle's traditional memory quizzes, expressions of love for one another, and the singing



of *My Name is Sigma Chi, Sir*, the *Sweetheart Song* and *Hail Purdue*.

The Class of 1968 made its way back to Old Purdue the weekend of October 4-6 where they played golf, toured Purdue and visited. The highlight of their reunion was having dinner Saturday evening at George Ade's home in Brook, IN and presenting Tom Leslie with his Order of Constantine honor.

The Class of 1973 returned in style (as evidenced by their matching shirts) to celebrate their 40th reun-

ion during the Centennial Celebration weekend, September 13-15. 14 of their 18 PB's returned and they celebrated with a great dinner including 19 bottles of wine; a half a case of beer; and a quart of vodka.

One of the highlights of the Class of '73's return was unveiling a new Sigma Chi song, "*Silver Sigma Chi's*" written by Harold Force '73. The 200 alumni brothers and their guests who returned for the Centennial Celebration weekend all sang along to what is sure to become the next Sigma Chi classic.



The Class of 1978 made their appearance Homecoming weekend to share fond memories, the Northern Illinois football game, several beers at their tailgate hosted by Bruce Petit '78, and then dinner at Arni's.

The Class of 1983 returned with 14 of their PB's at the Centennial Celebration. Friday night after attending the Alumni Reception they congregated at Bruno's where they helped close the place down. Which is nothing new for this group.



The Class of 1993 made their triumphant return at Homecoming. Matt Emmert '93 noted, "Everyone met at the house for bagels and coffee before the game. We had a great time at the tailgate, where we thankfully spent way more time at than the game! Got together for a group dinner, and for



the grand finale - Sunday breakfast at Tri Chi."

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ALUMNI NEWS ... ALUMNI NEWS ... ALUMNI NEWS ...

Robert Wayne Kessler '63, entered Chapter Eternal on August 22 at the age of 71. Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering at Purdue and obtained his master's degree from Harvard Business School in 1965. Bob married his college sweetheart, Susan Dalenberg in 1964. Bob was a retired executive from General Motors and Delphi and resided in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Known as one of the nicest guys in his pledge class, Doug Wilton '63 noted, "Let us all be thankful for Bob's good and productive life and for his warm and steadfast friendship. All honor to his name."

Mic Mead '55 was honored with the Westfield (IN) Chamber of Commerce's Beacon Award as their Citizen of the Year. Brother Mead was recognized at the Chamber's Lantern Awards banquet on September 21. Congrats can be sent to Mic at 15466 Oak Road, Carmel, IN 46033. Email: micmead1@aol.com.



Significant Sig **David L. True '73** was appointed to the University of Wyoming's Board of Trustees by Wyoming Governor Matt Mead and approved by the Wyoming Senate. His term runs through 2019. Both Dave's father and brother have served on UW's Board in the past. To reach Dave go to dave.true@truecos.com.



'77 **Jeff Early** has been appointed head of the Texas Region of Northern Trust, encompassing offices in Houston, Austin, Dallas and Ft. Worth. Send Jeff a note at Goose@reagan.com.



Robert Nussmeier '77 has been promoted to Vice President of Strategic Clients and Partners at Kiewit Oil, Gas and Chemical Construction headquartered in Houston, TX. Bob and wife, Katie (Delta Delta's 1976 Sweetheart) reside at 28318 Lauren

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

03 Adam Schildmeier and his wife, Amanda, welcomed their third child, Annabel Grace, into the world on August 10. Adam notes that trips back to Purdue and Delta Delta are infrequent, but he is rooting for the Boiler-makers from the beach. Well wishes can be sent to schildaw@yahoo.com.

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Chapter Eternal

"All honor to their names"

Ben McKinney '43, Sherman, TX, 8-13

Lowell A. Black, Jr. '46, Indianapolis, IN, 10-13

Vermont Follet Jr. '54, Tucson, AZ, 8-23-13

Robert W. Kessler '63, Hilton Head Island, SC, 8-22-13

John Folkers '91, West Lafayette, IN, 8-25-13

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Reunion Classes continued

The Class of 2003 with their tie dyed Class of '03 t-shirts returned to reminisce on their undergrad days. Tom Andrew '03 reported, "Delta Delta 2003 saw a great turnout for our 10 year reunion. A lot of old memories, some pictures and very solid stories were shared while tailgating for the Purdue and Nebraska game.

After the game we made our way to the chapter house and enjoyed spending time with the undergrads and getting a good look at all of the renovations since our time at 202."

Welcome back bros!



Tom Leslie (L) receives his Order of Constantine plaque from former Grand Consul Dick Hester at the Class of '68 reunion.



Brothers and wives from the Classes of '66, '67 and '68 at the Chapter Eternal Memorial.

Chapter Eternal Memorial Dedicated

A large group of brothers from the Classes of '66 – '68 and their wives gathered outside the Delta Delta chapter house on October 4 to dedicate the Delta Delta Chapter Eternal Memorial. Next to a large engraved stone that reads "*As a living tribute to brothers who have entered the Chapter Eternal*" a young oak tree was planted and the brothers and guests in attendance dedicated this site as a memorial to all our deceased brothers.

The impetus behind the memorial was a request of Significant Sig Joe Kelly '66's wife, Betty, who wished to honor her husband by spreading some of his ashes at Delta Delta. Betty Kelly noted in her husband's obituary, "His most

meaningful experience in college was joining and acting in various leadership roles for the Sigma Chi fraternity at Purdue. The mission and the brotherhood meant the world to him."

On a beautiful fall day six of Joe Kelly's pledge brothers, their wives, Joe's wife, Betty, and sister, Kay Noel, along with a number of brothers and their wives from the Class of '68, circled the memorial tree and honored Brother Kelly. (Joe Kelly was the rush chairman for the Class of '68.)

The chapter would like to thank Betty Kelly for giving us all a place to come to reflect on those brothers who have come before us, and who, like Joe, cherished so deeply our life-long bonds of brotherhood.