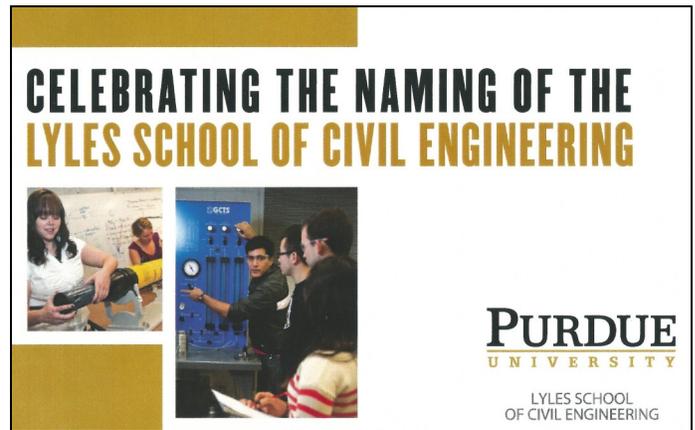




Delta Delta Data

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KRACH, LYLES HONORED AT HOMECOMING



What a great weekend of brotherhood, football, tailgating and special events to highlight this year's Homecoming at Delta Delta. The weather was beautiful, there was plenty to eat and drink, and the company could not have been better.

Special Events Kick Off Weekend

Two special events honoring the families of Sigs **Will Lyles '81** and **Keith Krach '79** took place over Homecoming weekend.

Lyles School of Civil Engineering

On Friday, William Lyles, Gerald Lyles and Will were recognized for their generosity to the School of Civil Engineering. In a ceremony with over 200 faculty, students,



Tami and Will Lyles

administrators and Sigma Chi's pre-

sent, the School of Civil Engineering was renamed the "Lyles School of Civil Engineering" in their honor.

Krach Leadership Center

Another large contingent of guests and Sigma Chis gathered outside the new Krach Leadership Center Saturday morning where Keith was recognized for his business, philanthropic and University leadership. This new facility serves as a center for academic advising,



Keith and Metta Krach

professional development and student organizations. Keith spoke highly of how Sigma Chi had shaped his life and how he continues to run his organizations on the Sigma Chi values he learned as an undergrad.

Purdue President Mitch Daniels spoke at both events and thanked Will, Keith, and their families, for helping to create our country's future engineers and leaders.

Reunion Classes Return

The **Class of '74** had 15 brothers return for their 40th reunion with the group getting together for golf on Friday, returning to 202 and the football game on Saturday, with dinner in Indianapolis that evening. Tim Maloney '74 commented, "What a great group of guys! We really enjoyed our time together and getting to recall our college days and catching up on each other's lives over these many years".

Several members of the **Class of '79** also returned to take part in their 35th reunion. They started early and ended late as they enjoyed taking part in the activities around the Krach dedication, the Alumni tailgate, and even for a half, the football game.

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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 Max Long ‘16

It is my distinct honor to serve as the Consul of the Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi for the upcoming year. I look forward to reporting our status as we continue to strive for excellence as brothers and as leaders at Purdue and in our community. The brotherhood at 202 is as active as ever, and Sigma Chi continues to be the premier leadership organization on campus.

Recruitment/Pledge Program

The rush process for the 2014 school year was very competitive but exciting for Delta Delta. The result was a Delta Delta ’18 Pledge Class comprised of 31 young gentlemen, each of whom proved to be extremely bright and ambitious. I can confidently say that each new member selected fits all parts of the Jordan Standard, and will continue to keep the traditions of Delta Delta alive and well. As a pledge class, they have shown strong signs of what it takes to be a brother, and I look forward to welcoming each of them into the chapter upon their initiation.

Philanthropy

This semester saw a great step in the right direction in terms of philanthropy and community service. Brother Ross Corcoran, the External Philanthropy Chairman for the semester, worked hard in his position to help us establish a personal



CJ Johnson and Will Todd help out at LUM

relationship with Lafayette Urban Ministry, a local organization which works to improve the quality of life

for the underprivileged in the Lafayette area. We set up a system in which we send brothers for service on a nearly weekly basis to help support their efforts. Our contributions have been rewarding to our brothers, and we plan to continue our efforts with LUM next semester. Additionally, we continued our tradition of hosting the “Greek Olympics” for the entire Greek community, and also held our first ever Euchre Tournament to raise funds for our philanthropic goals.

Academics

Our Scholarship Chairman for the semester, Rajiv Samagond, was able to make huge strides for us in the area of scholarship. In order to establish strong academics with our new members, we paired each one of them up with a member of our “Academic Leadership Team,” which is made up of successful scholars and leaders within the house. The pairs met on a weekly basis in order to keep all members of the pledge class ahead of their work. The current cumulative house GPA is 3.06, which is well above the campus all men GPA of 2.83.

Dad’s Weekend

This year we held our Dad’s Weekend early in November thanks to the work of Brothers Spencer Owen and Nik Rose. The weekend consisted of great tailgates, get-togethers at the house, and an exciting football game against a tough Wisconsin team. I can definitely say that everyone enjoyed their time with their sons. I am proud to say that my dad was reminded of the great experience I am getting here at Delta Delta, and I believe the other fathers would say the same.

As a chapter, we look forward to improving on our chapter initiatives and seeing more alumni back at 202. Keep your eye out for details on our Brotherhood Dinner later this spring.

Homecoming, Reunions continued

Alumni Tailgate A Huge Success

Regarding the Sigma Chi Alumni Tailgate, Bart Burrell '81 remarked, "I absolutely want to pass along my thanks for not just Saturday but the last several years of this group allowing Sigma Chi to piggy back your tailgate. You guys throw an awesome party, with great food, plenty of drinks and perfect weather!! The only mistake that was made was turning the football game over to the Fiji's. They can't do anything right. Thanks again for being such great hosts."

These comments were directed to a large group of Sig alumni, their wives and friends who organize with the help of the Alumni Relations



At the Krach reception (L-R): Mark Herrmann, Tim Hull, Bob Andreone, Jeff Kramer, Corby Thompson, Bart Burrell, Charles Conoley, Lee Sterry, Will Lyles and Keith Krach (knelling).



Sigs in attendance at the Lyles Civil Engineering event: (L-R) Phil Steele, Robert Holloway, Corby Thompson, Will Lyles, Lee Sterry, Harold Force and Charles Conoley.

Committee and undergrads, one of the biggest tailgates held during the Homecoming weekend. With 10-12 cars lined up, tents set up, food and drinks for everyone and music blaring, the huge number of brothers and their families can be seen catching up and truly enjoying their time together.



Class of 1974 L-R: Tim Maloney, Scott Renwick, George Rich, Dave Laitnen, Cary Fitchey, Ward Paige, Phil Haehl, John Keach and Bill Alzos. Not pictured: Glenn Johnson, Curt Uminger, Gary Edwards, Michael Hull, Sandy Burns, and John Sattler.

Special thanks to Dave and Mary Westerbeck, Bruce and Sally Gordon, Gary and Merry Thoe, Corby and Julie Thompson, Bob and Tara Burlas, Jim and Mary MacDonald, Mark and Susie Herrmann, David and Carrie Woodruff, Jeff and Dixie McKean, Doug and Sally Hull, Bruce and Kelly Petit and Tim and Molly Hull.



Class of 1979 L-R: Steve Schliefarth, Gary Thoe, Corby Thompson, Dave Palmer, Robert Holloway and Lee Sterry. Knelling: Keith Krach

House Corp Meeting

The annual Delta Delta House Corporation meeting was held Saturday morning to update the alumni on the activities of the House Corp and the undergraduates. The lists of summer improvements were covered, the chapter's finances were reviewed

(they remain strong), and our scholarship distributions continue to grow. Alumni relations activities continue to draw strong participation and the chapter is performing very well. Tim Maloney '74 retired from the board after many years of service, with Jim MacDonald '80 joining the board.

More Photos, Stories Available

For more photos and details on all our stories in this newsletter visit the Delta Delta website and the [Alumni News and Events](#) pages. There are great alumni and undergrad stories you'll enjoy reading.

Sigs Reach Out to Serve Lafayette Community



(L-R) Mitch Campbell, Kyle Zeisig, Carson Lorts, Ross Corcoran (back), KJ Johnson (front), Will Todd (back), Charles Carpenter (front), Jack Cagnassola (back), Kyles Bos, Brandt Davis, Jack Mueller, JH Fischer, Jake Davis, Kent Skiles and Alex Dexeus

During the first semester the Delta Delta brothers have partnered with Lafayette Urban Ministries (LUM) by doing weekly service events for this community group.

The weekly contingent of 10 – 15 brothers have helped with bulk mailings, grounds cleanup, making food and donating it for the pantry, serving food at the soup kitchen and

more. One brother has been trained to work at the shelter overnight, and another group of brothers will be trained to do tax returns as a ministry.

The chapter also collected over 20 presents for LUM's Jubilee Christmas program.

Ross Corcoran, our external philan-

thropy chair, has been doing an excellent job coordinating with LUM.

Led by Max Long the chapter also hosted a euchre tournament to raise funds for LUM.

Joe Micon, LUM's Director, commented, "Special thanks to the men of the Delta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity for serving LUM by raking, mowing, pulling weeds, trimming hedges and working on a bulk mailing. Their time and service are greatly appreciated."



Ross Corcoran and Alex Parisi with gifts for LUM.

Dads, Sons Share Special Time Together

Staying up past 11 pm can be a challenge for a middle aged Dad who is trying to keep up with his 18-22 year old son, but many tried at this year's Dad's Day weekend held November 7-8. This fun time together gave many of the Dads a first-hand look at what life at Delta Delta is like for their sons. In some cases it gave fathers, who themselves are Delta Delta Sigs, a chance to recount some of their undergraduate memories when they, too, resided at 202 Littleton.

Friday's events got started for the older brothers with many of them taking their Dads to Harry's. Around 6 pm all the brothers and their Dads gathered at the chapter house for dinner, libations, a poker tournament and more libations. For some it was a pretty short night as a number of

father-son duos rose early to get into their costumes and head to Breakfast Club.

Gary Thoe '79 whose son, Corby is a senior, commented on his time spent with his son as they dressed as the characters from the Dumb and Dumber movies.

"It was a great father/son day as Corby and I hit the breakfast club bars on the scooter. "We trade straight up for that baby." Great moments included driving through campus giving the truck-honk-your-horn arm pump to passing cars and seeing their reaction, buzzing about 500 breakfast clubbers waiting in line to get into Neon Cactus at 7:30 am, and generally driving by people,



Dads and Sons (L-R) Jason Bedsworth, Kyle Bos, Duane Mueller and Jack Mueller.

ringing the bicycle bell, and acting like idiots."

The Sigs all gathered at a pre-game tailgate where they compared stories and got acquainted with more Dads. It was a cold, blustery day that saw Purdue fall to the Wisconsin Badgers. **See Dad's Day Page 6**

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



Sigs Enjoy Game Day

Attending a recent Purdue football game are L-R: Bob Burlas '86, Jim Everett '86, Mark Herrmann '81 and Jeff McKean '86. Trivia: Did you realize that the four Delta Delta Sigma Chis pictured above threw for a combined 17,357 yards and 114 touchdowns during their college careers?

Save The Date

Southwest Florida Luncheon

March 14

Pelican Bay Country Club
707 Gulf Park Drive
Naples, FL 34108

To RSVP and for details contact Bernie Sergesketter at bfs@sergesketter.com.

Dan Kirk '52 has decided to leave Purdue country for the warmer confines of Florida, although he continues to follow the Boiler-makers whenever he can. Dan who was a former Chapter Advisor for Delta Delta worked for years as a local pharmacist before retiring.

Dan has relocated to 6982 Pine Forest Road #141, Pensacola, FL 32526 to be closer to his family. Email: dkirk2509@hotmail.com.

Nate Gustus '05 and his young family have returned to his roots and relocated back to West Lafayette.

Nate is an associate broker for Keller Williams Realty and has found a home at 874 Rose St., West Lafayette, IN 47906. Email: ngustus@gmail.com.

Send Alumni News Updates to Phil Steele at steele202@comcast.net.

Alumni Support Chapter Leadership Programming

Delta Delta was recently notified that it has been granted Thomas Cowan Bell Chapter status for the 2015 – 2016 school year. This is the result of generous alumni donations to the Sigma Chi Foundation designated for this purpose.

Bell Chapters are provided additional opportunities to participate at BLTW and the Horizons Leadership program. It also provides a \$1,000 undergraduate scholarship, additional travel stipends for BLTW and delivers the Crossroads program to the chapter at no charge.

The chapter is extremely appreciative of our alumni support and look forward to taking advantage of these leadership and scholarship programs.

Chapter Eternal

"All honor to their names"

Ralph O. Fisher '41, Springfield, IL 2014

David R. Shaw '49, Indianapolis, IN 2014

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Dad's Day Continued

Following the game fathers and sons went out for a great meal (on Dad, of course) as well as tried to rest up for the party later that evening. For those who could hang in there, the Sigs, along with the Chi O's and their Dads, enjoyed a fun evening dancing and partying in the Great Hall.

Corby Thompson '81 summed up his first Dad's Day experience by saying, "Dad's weekend was the first time that I had set foot in the Sigma Chi Chapter House at 202 Littleton with my son and now Sigma Chi pledge, Cooper. I smiled to myself as I noticed him purposefully avoiding stepping on the "Letters". I also noticed a couple of active brothers, watching him out of the corner of their eye. Looking over the balcony with him by my side, taking in the festivities below, brought back that memory that so many Delta Delta brothers have of their first visit to the house. The house is beautiful, for certain, but as usual, the real joy was meeting so many of Cooper's pledge brothers and knowing that Delta Delta remains in good hands. "

We want to thank Dad's Day Co-Chairs Spencer Owen and Nik Rose for putting together such a fun and memorable weekend.

Delta Delta 2014 Holiday Get Together

"It was nice seeing everyone last night. It's a great tradition," so commented Jim Trachtman '85 following the 2014 Delta Delta Holiday Get Together. Sharing the spirit and spirits of the season has become another wonderful tradition shared by Delta Delta brothers. Held this year on December 18 at Champps in Indianapolis, the group of over 30 brothers of all eras enjoyed catching up on each other's family activities and discussing the Boiler-maker basketball prospects.

Jeff McKean commented, "Thanks to all who showed up. As always, it was a good crowd and great time. Thank you also for everyone's generosity in pitching in to pay the drink tab. We were able to tip our waitress over \$150 at the end of the night. She was very appreciative and got tears in her eyes when we gave her the money. I told her to just remember that, "Purdue Sigma Chis are nice guys."

All of those in attendance also want



Sharing the Christmas Cheer (L-R) Bob Andreone, Mark Campbell, Tom Hall, Corby Thompson, Jim Mac Donald and Jim Rush.

to thank Jeff McKean '86 for arranging this annual event. Jim MacDonald '80 remarked, "Jeff, if there was a "Most Valuable Brother" elected every year, I know who would vault to the top of the list. Thanks for all you do and your dedication to Purdue and Sigma Chi."

We look forward to sharing the spirit of the season with even more brothers next year. What better way to wish dear friends a Happy Holiday.

Need a little something to warm your spirits? Go to [Sig Milk Punch Recipe](#) for a special treat.