



Delta Delta Data

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The Class of '96 returned to celebrate their 20th reunion at Delta Delta.

Reunion Classes Return to 202

The Classes of 1976 and 1996 returned this fall to celebrate their 40th and 20th year reunions since leaving the familiar confines of Delta Delta and Purdue.

40 Year Class Reunion

The Class of '76 started its triumphant return at Harry's for beverages Friday afternoon and proceeded to Sargent Preston's for dinner. On Saturday several of the brother's attended the Significant Sig presentation held at the chapter house for Pat Loehrer '75, who was Don Palmer '76's big brother. The returning brothers then gathered at a tailgate

hosted by Robert and Richard Haehl before heading to the game.

It was great having this group of brothers return. As a class they had a number of great memories to share and according to Don Palmer '76, "It was a truly special couple of days seeing everyone back together again."

20 Year Class Reunion

The class of 1996 assembled to celebrate their 20th reunion the weekend of September 23-24. For much of the group, the festivities *See Reunion Classes ... Page 3*

A Heartfelt Sig Presentation

At Homecoming this year the Class of '75 took the opportunity to present one of their own, Dr. Patrick Loehrer with his Significant Sig Award. Led by Significant Sig Mark Lester '75 this was a truly heartwarming and inspirational presentation to a remarkable brother. Pat's many accomplishments can be found at <http://bit.ly/2iFDZHV>.

In attendance at the presentation were ten of Pat's pledge brothers and seven Significant Sigs.

Following the event Pat noted, "In speaking to several of the other Significant Sigs, I was struck by the common opinion that none of us feel particularly worthy of being spotlighted. We are all a composite of experiences and for me, one of the most cherished experiences is that of being a Sigma Chi. The bond of friendships and respect for and from my Brothers is the true honor. Being named a Significant Sig, well that is just icing on the cake."

Words of Heartfelt Admiration

In listening to those in attendance and seeing the comments following the presentation, it seemed best to let others express their thoughts and feelings in their own words.

Bernie Sergeketter '58 commented, *See Significant Sig Page 3*



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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 Matt Rittman '18

It is with great pride that I greet you in my first Consul's Corner. I want to start by thanking Rajiv Samagond and the outgoing officers for their contributions this past semester. We made tremendous strides under their leadership, and I have no doubt that our brothers will build on their successes over the next year to ensure that Sigma Chi remains one of the premier leadership development organizations at Purdue. Here are some highlights from the Fall 2016 semester.

Rush, Pledgeship, and Initiation

Recruitment this fall behind the efforts of Rush Chairmen Jake Davis, CJ Johnson, and Spencer Meredith was a big success. Brother Matt Twardowski developed a recruitment software program that increased our efficiency with which we conducted rush. The result was a pledge class of 36 men, each we believe meets the Standard.

Magister Drew Schroeder led us through the implementation of Sigma Chi's new 8 week pledge program that culminated with initiation in November. I can confidently say that despite the shortened pledge program, our new initiates are ready to carry on the rich tradition of Delta Delta and fulfill their obligations as a Sigma Chi.

Philanthropy

In September, we teamed up with Purdue Dance Marathon to host Greek Olympics and we raised almost \$3,000 for Riley Children's Hospital. In December, Drew Greene organized our second Jubilee Christmas with Lafayette Urban Ministries and Delta Gamma sorority to provide 18 Lafayette families with toys, gift cards, food, cookies, and blankets for their holidays.

Additionally, our brothers this semester contributed nearly 1,200 service hours to various non-profit organizations. Derby Days Chairs Richard Chen and Harley Hudetz are planning the week's events, including a concert at Lafayette Theatre. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Fireside Chats

This semester, Greg Harbaugh '78 joined the chapter in a Fireside Chat using our video conferencing system. Brother Harbaugh discussed his experiences with NASA and space travel, and his time leading the Sigma Chi Foundation. Greg noted how his undergraduate Sigma Chi experience empowered him to achieve success in his career and personal life.

Dad's Weekend

Another football season meant another opportunity to host our dads at 202. Dad's Weekend consisted of tailgates, get-togethers at the house, and an exciting football game against Nevada where Purdue pulled out one of their few wins of the season. The Dads all enjoyed the time with their sons, and they were happy to be reminded of the great experiences their sons are having with Sigma Chi.

Blue Formal

The arch was completed with time to spare, and the Great Hall was breathtaking as we hosted Blue Formal on December 3rd. We appreciated the opportunity to cap off a successful semester by celebrating with our brothers and dates.

Our brothers have been busy this semester, and I am incredibly proud to reflect on their accomplishments. Thank you for your continued support and we wish all our alumni brothers the best in 2017.

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Class of '75 Brothers at Pat's Presentation (L-R) Dave Jarrett, Bill Davis, John Taylor, Dave Heiliger, Mark Lester, Pat Loehrer, Tom Morales, Dave Graefnitz, Tom Puterbaugh, Dan Drysdale and Bill Townsend

Significant Sig continued

"It is always a treat to go back to the chapter house, particularly at Homecoming. Wonderful memories are triggered! This year Dr. Pat Loehrer

was presented with the Fraternity's Significant Sig Award. It is inspirational to hear the stories about and be in the presence of one of our brothers who has done so much good for society, literally saving

lives and materially advancing the fight against cancer."

Pledge brother Bill Townsend '75 remarked, "Professor Pat, such heartfelt stories about the life-giving work in Kenya and the lives impacted here. Stay the course, bro, there is much left to do and many others you will touch. Thank you for living a life well lived!"

Bill continued, "To my PBs, hanging with gentlemen from 40 years ago is a rare and privileged moment. The conversations go deeper quicker. I wish I had more time to settle-in and talk life with each of you."

Harold Force '73 who served as the rush chairman for the Class of '75 stated, "Finally... after more than 45 years... a return on the investment of a semester of my life as your Rush Chairman! Well done, Patrick. And great to see so many of your pledge brothers!!"



Class of '76 (L-R) Dan Connor, Bill Freije, Don Palmer, Steve Blickenstaff, Steve Schmidt, Dave Moss, Richard Haehl, Lynn Schilling, Robert Haehl and Pete Worland.

Reunion Classes continued ...

began that Friday in Culver, IN where they enjoyed a day of water-skiing and wakeboarding followed by an evening of sharing memories

On Saturday 19 members of the pledge class witnessed a Boilermaker victory and spent time at 202 Littleton reliving their time at the

house. For many, this was their first trip to the chapter house since the renovation. Pledge class president Morgan Zaninovich noted, "Our pledge class has gotten together on many occasions over the years, but there's something special about getting back to Delta Delta. This place makes us all feel like we are 20-year olds again."

DERBY DAYS NEEDS SUPPORT OF ALUMNI

Delta Delta is going BIG with Derby Days in 2017. The Sigs, along with their sorority partners, have a goal to raise \$20,000 for cancer research through the Huntsman Cancer Foundation.

Alumni sponsorships are needed. They are at three

levels, Platinum, Gold, and Silver, and priced at \$5,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000 respectively. Sponsor's names will be displayed throughout events and on campus, on banners, t-shirts, and flyers.

To learn how you can take part contact Richard Chen '19 at rzchen21@gmail.com



Sig Old Master Returns to $\Delta\Delta$

Sig Kyle Ziesig '18, commented, "The 2016 Old Masters' program was an incredibly rewarding one. Being on Old Masters Central Committee was the opportunity of a lifetime. Not only did it make me proud to see the brothers of Sigma Chi carry on the rich tradition of involvement with the program, but it made me proud to be a Boilermaker.



Sigma Chi Old Master's participants (L-R) CJ Johnson '17, Kyle Ziesig '17, Pete Kraemer '88, Scott Sage '17, John Henry Fischer '16, and Nate Graber '18.

Finally, having a Sig like Peter Kraemer come back to Purdue speaks volumes to the caliber of men that come through this house as well as the experiences that our brothers had

when they were students here."

Significant Sig Pete Kraemer '88 is a fifth generation brewmaster and has been at Anheuser-Busch InBev

for 27 years. He is currently the Chief Supply Officer of Anheuser-Busch InBev and oversees more than 150 breweries and facilities.

Brother Kraemer remarked, "Coming back to campus as an Old Master was an incredibly rewarding experience. I interacted with an engaged and talented student body which gave me an opportunity to see just how vibrant and healthy the Purdue community is. I was deeply impressed with how well the students embraced the opportunity to learn from a diverse set of Old Masters. Seeing Sigma Chi brothers like Kyle Zeisig at the leadership level was a bonus along with the opportunity to visit the house, have lunch with the brothers, and learn from their experiences as well."

Harbaugh Leaves Sigma Chi Foundation

Greg Harbaugh '78 officially retired as President and CEO of the Sigma Chi Foundation on June 30 after 10 years in this highly visible role.

The Foundation honored Greg by naming one of the seven Founders' Scholarship awards, the Greg and Carol Harbaugh Award. Greg will also be permanently recognized with his portrait being placed in the International Fraternity Headquarters.

Under Greg's direction Foundation scholarships increased ten-fold from \$50,000/year to about \$500,000/year; programs funded by the Foundation expanded from a limited BLTW and two weeks of Horizons, to five weeks of Horizons (fully funded for the next ten years), a reconstituted BLTW that nearly doubled in size, as well as the addition of programs to address alcohol and drug use/abuse, depression and suicide, hazing, and sexual misconduct/rape. The Foundation's financial reserves increased six-fold, from \$2.5M in the bank to almost \$15M. The Sigma Chi Foundation for



Greg Harbaugh '78

the last ten years was #1 in grant funding by nearly \$900,000/year over the second most successful fraternity foundation.

Greg became CEO of the Foundation in 2006 following five years as Director and COO for the Florida Air Museum and 23 years with NASA. As an astronaut he took part in four Shuttle missions; 818 hours in space, three spacewalks (two on the Hubble telescope) and

was head of the spacewalk program for NASA for four years. Greg has been recognized as a Significant Sig for his contributions to America's space program.

When asked what he'd like to pass on to his Delta Delta brothers, Greg remarked, "I guess I would like them to know that I was as committed to this mission as I was to flying aboard the Space Shuttle during my time with NASA (though with slightly less threat to life and limb). I put my heart into making the Foundation (and the Fraternity) as strongly positioned for the future as possible. The task was more fraught with challenges than I anticipated, but I believe the results speak for themselves. I am very proud of what we accomplished."

"I am equally proud of what my Delta Delta brothers have accomplished in so many walks of life. I have seen no chapter in Sigma Chi that is more impressive, that has put out as many amazing and talented men - men who embrace their families, lead in their professions, engage in their communities, and live life fully - as my Delta Delta brothers", stated Greg.

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Class of 1973 Remembers Pledge Brother



Attending Steve Workman's funeral (L-R) Debbie Force; Rod Roler, '73; Harold Force, '73; Brad Black, '73; Leslie Sand; Mark Sand, '73; Doug Strawbridge, '73; and Richard Kuntz, '73

Stephen Workman '73 entered Chapter Eternal on October 23. Steve grew up in Indianapolis, but spent his later working years in Silicon Valley where he was a highly regarded CFO for several startup companies. He credited his days at Delta Delta as the foundation for his character, leadership and success. A number of his pledge brothers attended Steve's services which included the White Rose ceremony.

In honor of Brother Workman the Class of '73 has established the

"Class of 1973 Unity Fund". The Unity Fund will fund leadership and academic programs at Delta Delta. Please send contributions to the Sigma Chi Foundation, 1714 Hinman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201 and noting "In memory of Stephen K. Workman - 4035".

Stephen Sturman '77 was named Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at Indiana University South Bend. Previously Brother Sturman served as Major Gifts Officer at Valparaiso University.

Norm Bafunno '83, president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana has been named group vice president of North American competitiveness. Bafunno joined Toyota as general manager of production at TMMI in 1997. In his new role, Bafunno will support research and development, product engineering, sales and marketing and manufacturing.



Norm Bafunno

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

Stan Craig '46, Noblesville, IN
September 28, 2015

William Emde '46, Houston, TX
May 26, 2016

William Dobeus '55, Lake Forest, IL
October 2015

Thomas Moir '65, Lake Oswego, OR
November 16, 2016

Steve Workman '73, Pleasanton, CA
October 23, 2016

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Brees to McKean Touchdown!

Jeff McKean '86 had a unique opportunity to check an item off his bucket list when he took part in a Purdue Alumni auction where the winners were given a chance to catch a pass from Drew Brees.

In preparation for this once in a lifetime opportunity, Jeff and Mark Herrmann '81, a former Purdue All America quarterback, spent an hour having Jeff practice catching passes from Mark. He also asked Seth Morales, the son of Tom Morales '75, if he could wear Seth's jersey #84 and reenact the famous catch of Brees to Morales that beat Ohio State and put Purdue in the Rose Bowl.

So the big day came at half time of



L-R: Jeff McKean '86, Drew Brees '01, Carly, Dixie, Landon, Casey and Corby McKean '15.

the Purdue - Wisconsin game. Jeff could be seen down on the field wearing Seth Morales' #84 jersey and discussing the pass route with Drew Brees '01, the All Pro quarterback of the New Orleans Saints. As the press box announcer called the play by play to the Ross-Ade crowd, Jeff took off down the field, made his cut into the end zone and caught the 30 year pass from Brees for a touchdown.

As Jeff returned up the field he gave a high five to Purdue Pete, who just happened to be Sig PJ Maniago '17. Cheering Jeff on the sidelines were his wife, Dixie, daughter, Carly, a number Sigs and friends from their tailgate group. Afterward Drew Brees autographed the football for Jeff's grandson.

Save The Date

Southwest Florida Luncheon

February 11 at 11:30

Kensington Country Club
Naples, FL 34108

Significant Sig and former All American Mark Herrmann '81 will be our guest speaker.

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



Mark Herrmann

Jeff's comment was "The two previous participants both dropped their passes, so I'm glad I was more fortunate. The whole event was very cool and I enjoyed having a chance to talk with Drew throughout the game."

The Sigs are wondering if Jeff has any college eligibility left. Purdue can always use another good receiver.

Be An Alumni Mentor

What better way to give back to Delta Delta than to be a mentor to a undergraduate brother. Whether you live far or near, you can take part.

Contact Matt Rittman at mrittman227@gmail.com for details.