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SPRING 2009

Brees '01 Inducted Into Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame

Drew Brees '01 was one of eight former Purdue student athletes inducted into the 2009 class of the Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame. Brother Brees joins fellow Delta Delta Sigs Keith Carter, Bob Griese, Bob DeMoss, Dave Schellhase, Hank Stram, Paul Hoffman, Mark Herrmann and Jim Everett in this elite group.

The honorees were recognized during the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in front of 300 guests at the NCAA Hall of Champions in Indianapolis on Saturday, April 11. Brother Brees's long list of accomplishments during his Purdue career from 1997 to 2000 included winning the Maxwell Award as the nation's outstanding player in 2000 when he also finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He was also the first-ever recipient of the Socrates Award, recognizing the nation's finest athlete in terms of academics, athletics, and community service.

Brees holds Big Ten records for passing yards (11,792), touchdown passes (90), total offensive yards (12,963), completions (1,026), and attempts (1,678). He was voted 1998 and 2000 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and 1999 and 2000 Purdue Athlete of the Year.

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Alumni and undergraduate Sigma Chi brothers gather at the 18th Brotherhood Dinner.

COMING HOME TO DELTA DELTA 18th ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD DINNER

Thirty alumni brothers joined the undergraduate chapter at the 18th annual Delta Delta Brotherhood Dinner on April 8. This large gathering of brothers was treated to a special night that included a fitting tribute to John Eddy '58 and some special remarks from former Grand Consul Keith Krach '79.

A great evening organized by Alumni Relations Chairman Payton Turner kicked off with the guests congregating in the Activity Room and visiting with both undergraduate and alumni brothers. For those who were returning for the first time, tours of the house were given and these brothers had a chance to see the many improvements to the renovated facility.

The Great Hall was transformed into a large banquet hall for the dinner which was prepared by Nancy and served by the kitchen crew. Over a great meal the brothers shared stories and recounted memories from years long past. A special group of brothers from the early 1970's returned and spent much of the evening renewing past friendships and informing the undergrads on how special their time had been at Delta Delta.

Following dinner a special chapter meeting was held that included a White
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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 Ryan Hatfield '09

These are very exciting times at the Delta Delta Chapter. In February we celebrated the initiation of twenty-six new brothers into our beloved fraternity. The chapter also continues to excel in campus leadership with many brothers actively involved in prestigious student organizations. Tyler Ohlman-sick '09 has served as President of Gimlet and Rob Hughes '10 is currently Vice President of Administration for IFC.

With ten participating sororities competing in Derby Days, the brothers hosted three evenings of fun-filled events to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Academically we just learned that we finished 6th out of 40 fraternities on campus in grades. Two spots up from the previous semester's finish.

We also just concluded Mom's Day which gave all the brothers to be on their best behavior and still show our Moms a great time. With Grand Prix around the corner, the brothers are excited about the race and look

forward to our drivers, Travis Iles and Matt Reigelsperger, driving into victory lane. In May many of the brothers will once again travel to New Orleans to support the Drew Brees Foundation and Habitat For Humanity and continue to rebuild homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

I'd also like to mention just how much the chapter enjoyed this year's Brotherhood Dinner. We were honored to have former Grand Consul Keith Krach be our guest speaker and the tribute to Brother John Eddy for his years of dedication to Sigma Chi was very special.

Each year at this time we compile the Peterson application for submission to Sigma Chi headquarters. As we do this it gives us the opportunity to assess our year and see how the chapter has performed in many areas. Through our involvement our goal is to make a difference and once again win the Peterson and continue to lead on campus, in the community, and in the classroom.

Have a great summer and we hope to see many of you at the golf outing.

Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew Ties the Knot

Jay Andrew '98, Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor, tied the knot to Michelle Droulos on December 6, 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lafayette, IN. Father, Jim EΩ '71, and brother, Tom ΔΔ '03, helped host a wonderful wedding and a wild reception. In attendance was a large contingent of Sigma Chis, many of whom were



Jay and Michelle Andrew

Jay's Delta Delta pledge brothers who serenaded the young bride with a passable version of the Sweet-heart Song.

The newlyweds then headed off to an exotic honeymoon in South Africa, the Maldives, and Dubai where Jay and Michelle enjoyed a safari and the warm weather and beaches.

DELTA DELTA EXTENDS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO HOUSE MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR BUTCH BROSE

It may have been about 47 years in the making but Earl J. "Butch" Brose is now a Sigma Chi. Utilizing a relatively new procedure offered by Sigma Chi International Fraternity, the brothers of Delta Delta Chapter have initiated their 66-year-old director of maintenance into the brotherhood as an honorary member during initiation ceremonies on Feb. 28. Jim Vrugink '71 served as Butch's big brother and Phil Steele '77 helped him through his brief pledgship.

"I am humbled and proud to be a member of Sigma Chi," says Brose, a Pur-

due University graduate and long-time employee. "I will forever do my best to fulfill the high expectations of being a good and productive member of this special and most prestigious fraternal organization."

Brose started his undergraduate career at Purdue in the 1960's and says he considered fraternity rush but didn't find the right group. Undoubtedly, he didn't meet any Sigma Chis. But, after spending much of his career as the maintenance director and superintendent of Purdue's Mackey Arena, Brose retired near the end of 2007, became a "free agent" and found Sigma Chi ... or perhaps Sigma Chi found him.

The Delta Delta House Corporation, led by President Harold Force, learned of Brose's availability and approached him about becoming a part-time maintenance director for the recently renovated chapter house. Brose met with members of



(L-R) Jay Andrew '98, Brother Butch Brose, Jim Vrugink and Tim Maloney '74 pose with Butch following Initiation.

the House Corporation and the rest is history.

"While Butch's maintenance skills are outstanding, his personality and character are even better," says Force. "He is a perfect fit, interacting with the house corporation members and undergrads like a brother." Chapter Consul Ryan Hatfield processed the nomination form following the undergraduate chapter's unanimous support of Brose's honorary membership. "Butch is a terrific guy who is well-liked and well-respected by all the brothers," says Hatfield. "I think it's really great that we now can call him Brother Butch."

Brotherhood Dinner continued ..

Rose Ceremony held in honor of John Eddy '58. John had served on the Delta Delta House Corporation for over 25 years and recently entered Chapter Eternal. The White Rose ceremony is a memorable tribute to all Sigma Chi brothers. In attendance to recognize Brother Eddy were his sons, Jeff and Drew, and John's grandson, Jeff, who are all Delta Delta Sigs. Several of Jeff and Drew's pledge brothers also took part in the service.

Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew, Consul Ryan Hatfield and House Corporation President Harold Force all gave brief updates on the chapter's and House Corporation's activities, before turning the floor over to our evening's guest speaker Keith Krach '79. Keith is currently a member of the Purdue Board of Trustees and continues to serve Sigma Chi as a former Grand Consul. Keith took the opportunity to talk to the undergraduates and alumni about how Delta Delta is home to all those who have ever walked its halls, and the importance of giving back in whatever way possible. He also spoke of the Fraternities values and its goals and how each brother represents these throughout their lives in whatever way they are able to contribute.

Keith's remarks reemphasized our commitment to Sigma Chi and the impact we have on others. Keith commented, "It was great to be back at the house for the Brotherhood Dinner. It is such a great tradition." He also thanked the chapter for being such gracious hosts for his wife, Metta, and his son, Carter, who attended the dinner with Keith.

As the evening drew to a close to the strains of "My Name is Sigma Chi, Sir", all those in attendance left with a renewed spirit and wonderful memories of being back home again at Delta Delta.

**Line Up Your Foursomes and Make Plans Now For the
19th Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing
Saturday, June 13 Battle Ground Golf Club, Lafayette**

Send in your Registration Form Today or
Email Bob Burlas at purduesigs@yahoo.com to sign up.

Delta Delta Sigs Show School Spirit As Purdue Pete(s)

By Paul Sliker

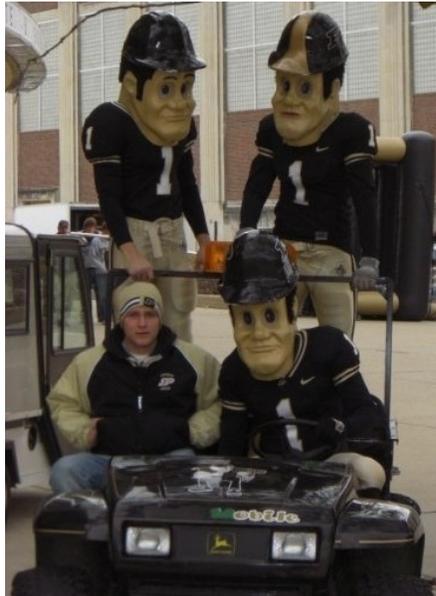
If you're planning on watching a Purdue sporting event this spring there's a 75% chance the guy in the Purdue Pete costume is a Sigma Chi. Out of the hundreds who have tried out to be the school's mascot in the past couple years, there will be three Sigma Chi's working Purdue Pete's four person job after they survived last November's tryout. Sophomores Steven Filie and Danny Runyon will be the amateurs under the costume, while junior Jimmy Castek has already had a semesters worth of experience being the school's mascot.

Having Castek already on the squad certainly helped Filie and Runyon in the tryout, but the two were by no means easily handed their spots. They endured a competitive tryout that consisted of interviews and being put into game like situations with the Purdue Pete outfit on.

"They really try to find your attributes and find out who you are as a person to make sure you can handle the job," Castek said.

The two newcomers certainly must have impressed the judges with their high caliber of character that is ingrained in every Delta Delta. All three Sigma Chi's admitted that their interest in becoming Purdue's mascot was mostly driven by their passion

and love for their school. "I have always been a big Purdue fan and I felt like this was the ultimate way to show my pride and give back to Purdue," said Los Angeles, Califor-



Sigs Castek, Filie, and Runyon heading for their next Purdue sporting event.

nia native Steven Filie. "When I saw how much fun Jimmy was having I knew I definitely wanted to tryout."

Castek said the funniest story he has so far is from a Michigan State men's basketball game when legend Dick Vital thought Purdue Pete wanted to slap his hand, but instead was left "hanging," when Castek

went for his pledge brother's hand in the front row behind him. "I was laughing so hard after that happened," said Castek. "Plus that was the loudest I've ever heard Mackie and everybody was really exciting that day."

Sophomore Danny Runyon pointed out an important benefit from being Purdue Pete that's been gained through his involvement within the community. "The most rewarding thing for me is working the games and being admired by the little kids and even the older people," said Runyon. "It makes people happy when I show up and just watching their spirits get lifted because of me is definitely worth it."

Whether doing it for the love of their school, or for the sense of satisfaction captured through giving back to the community, the Sigs intense passion for Purdue has already been felt by many fans. There is no doubt that through their participation all three Sigma Chi's have certainly created some interesting Purdue and Delta Delta history. More importantly, they are setting a perfect example of how mutually beneficial it is for members of the Greek community to become involved on their campus. Delta Delta alumni's and their families now have another reason to be excited about Purdue's future sporting events.

Class of 2012 , Honorary Brother Join Delta Delta

Delta Delta welcomed the following brothers into Sigma Chi on February 28, 2009. Special recognition to Honorary Brother Butch Brose. Congratulations to all!

Class of 2012

John Michael Hoehn, Scherrville, IN
Benjamin J. Snyder, Zionsville, IN
William McCleod, Jacksonville, FL
David James McMahon, Carmel, IN

Tyler Geesaman, Fort Wayne, IN
Jack W. Lynch, Milwaukee, WI
Collin S. Schmidt, Columbus, IN
Benjamin P. Hester, Lafayette, IN
Charles Russell, Indianapolis, IN
Ryan Michael Lee, Fort Wayne, IN
David William Pison, Carmel, IN
William H. Freihofer, Atlanta, GA
Ryan A. Poxon, Lafayette, IN
Tyler Robert Kuhl, Pendleton, IN
Sean Patrick Collins, Pendleton, IN
Kyle Fitzsimmons, Bentonville, AR
Jack Evan Prokos, Barrington, IL

Grant Thomas Pope, St. Louis, MO
Keegan B. McMahon, Avon, IN
Zach R. Frauhiger, Zionsville, IN
Rahul Bhutani, Southborough, MA
Danniel W. Oegerle, Bowie, MD

Class of 2011

Nicholas Lee Dominy, Mokena, IL
Jason W. Jointer, Indianapolis, IN
Jerimiah Roger Kitchel, Lafayette, IN
Jordan Michael Lawhorn, Carmel, IN

Honorary

Earl "Butch" Brose, Lafayette, IN

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

John Eddy '59 who served on Delta Delta's House Corporation for over 25 years entered Chapter Eternal February 13 at the age of 71. His steady guidance and ongoing support to the chapter for so many years will be his legacy to Delta Delta. The House Corporation recognized Brother Eddy's commitment by naming an undergraduate scholarship for leadership in his name.

During his collegiate years John was a member of the varsity basketball team and Varsity P Club. He remained close to Purdue throughout his life through his association with Purdue athletics, the Purdue Musical Organizations and as part of the President's Council. John's father, Ray Eddy, coached the Purdue basketball team for 15 years, and his wife, Sonya's father, was Al Stewart, the head of Purdue's musical organizations for many years.

Following graduation John served in the Navy and worked for General Motors as an industrial engineer for 40 years before retiring in 1998. He then became director of Purdue Uni-

versity – Anderson College of Technology until 2007. In addition, John was extremely active in Anderson as part of various community organizations and within his church.

John left a long line of Sigma Chi behind as his sons, Jeff and Andrew, and grandson, Jeffrey II, are all Delta Delta Sigs.

Stephen Luther '71, who served as Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor in the late '70's, passed away on January 8 at the age of 59 at home with his family at his side. Known affectionately as "Sugar Bear" by his pledge brothers, Steve is remembered for his fun loving spirit and thoughtfulness.

Chapter Eternal
All honor to their names.
Herman W. Jones '44, Ojai, CA, 2009
James H. Wilson '46, South Bend, IN 2009
Julius G. Clark '50, Lexington, KY; 7-18-08

Coach Schreiber Wins No. 300

Doug Schreiber '86 recorded his 300th victory as the Boilermakers head baseball coach with a 9 to 3 win over Penn State on April 11. His overall win total of 285 games ranks second in Purdue history, while his 153 conference victories stands alone in first. Doug came to West Lafayette in 1998 after serving as an assistant coach at Arizona, Notre Dame, and Butler. Doug was a four-year letter winner at second base for the Boilermakers from 1983-86 where he garnered second team All-Big Ten honors as a senior in 1986. We all wish Brother Schreiber continued success on the baseball diamond.

'82 Jentry Spear has sold his California fish farm and returned to his roots in Indiana. Jentry's new address is 4024 North 300 W., West Lafayette, IN 47906.

Alumni NewsNotes Needed
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Suerth '68 Returns to the Coffee Business

Caribou Coffee recently announced that Henry "Hank" Suerth '68 will become Sr. Vice President of Commercial Businesses. Brother Suerth has been working at Purdue's Krannert Management School as Director of Corporate and Alumni Relations after a long **Hank Suerth '68** career as a Sr. V.P. of Business Alliances with Starbucks; President of Infinity Systems, CEO of Recoton, and other management positions.



Hank played both baseball and basketball for Purdue while earning his Industrial Management degree before heading to Harvard for his M.B.A.

We are going to miss Hank being close to the chapter as he relocates to Minneapolis with his wife, Lisa.

'78 **Larry Prahin** is the General Manager of Siemens Water Technologies Upstream Oil & Gas business and recently relocated from Houston to Louisiana. For now Larry can be reached at 3601 Kaliste Sallom Rd, #105, Lafayette, LA 70508. Email: lprahin@yahoo.com.



Having a great time at the Brotherhood Dinner are (L_R): T. Maloney, D. Palmer, J. Keach, T. Morales, G. Turner, J. Taylor, M. Hull and H. Force.

'98 **Andrew Keene** and wife, Kara, welcomed their first child, Tyler Benjamin on 10-23-08. Belated congrats can be sent to 544 E. 58th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. Email: KeeneAndrew@sbcglobal.net.

'03 **Adam Schildmeier** has been busy the past few months passing the LEED exam, a "Green" building certification, as well as obtaining his Professional Engineering status. Adam also mentioned his first child is due in June. For more Adam can be reached at schild-daw@yahoo.com.

Hall of Fame continued

Following a five year stint with the San Diego Chargers, Drew is in his third year as quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, where he just completed his best year ever, becoming just the second player to throw for more than 5,000 yards in a single season. He has made three Pro Bowl appearances and was chosen the NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year in 2006. Along with wife, Brittany, Drew donated \$2 million through the Brees Dream Foundation for the Purdue student-athlete academic center.

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