



# Delta Delta Data

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## Mark Herrmann '81 Delta Delta's 25<sup>th</sup> Significant Sig

Mark Herrmann  $\Delta\Delta$ '81 one of Purdue's greatest quarterbacks was recently honored with his selection as a Significant Sig. Mark's prowess on the football field helped lead the Boilermakers over a three year period to a 28-7-1 record and three consecutive post season bowl appearances, all of which Purdue won. In each bowl, Mark was selected as the game's MVP.

Upon graduation Mark had amassed enough passing yardage to become the NCAA's all-time passing yardage leader. In 1980 he was named the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player and was also selected as the First Team Parade All-America quarterback. As a senior Mark was fourth in the balloting for the Heisman trophy. Mark's most recent honor has been his selection into Purdue's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mark played eleven NFL seasons for Denver, Baltimore, San Diego, Los Angeles and Indianapolis. His career completion percentage was nearly 60%.

For the past four years, Mark has been the color analyst for the Colts

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Alumni and undergraduate brothers congregate in the Great Hall at this years Brotherhood Dinner hosted by Delta Delta.

## *Snow Can't Dampen Spirit of Seventh Annual Brotherhood Dinner*

A mid March snowstorm could not deter many local Sigs from making the trip to 202 Littleton. For the first time the men of Delta Delta invited local alumni from other Sigma Chi chapters. The response was fantastic as a majority of the returning guests were from chapters other than Delta Delta. Those that attended the formal dinner hosted by the undergraduates of Delta Delta enjoyed the opportunity to visit with and meet other Sigs in the area as well as take in the tradition and history of Delta Delta.

Following dinner an abbreviated chapter meeting was held that allowed each brother to once again experience the special meaning of Sigma Chi. The chance to take part in the ritual is a special time for those in attendance. The brothers were also able to hear from Past Grand Consul Richard Hester about the fraternity at-large, the challenges of today's fraternity life and the importance of focussing on the values that Sigma Chi espouses. Each of the guests gave a few words of wisdom to the grateful audience of undergraduates before the night was concluded with a singing of The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi.

We would like to thank Nancy Clark for a great meal and congratulations to Todd O'Brien '00 and the chapter for organizing another great event.



## 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.

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## Consul's Corner . . . . . Andy Wesdorp ΔΔ '00

Welcome Brothers to another edition of the Delta Delta Data. I am proud to write my first column for this international award winning fraternity publication. I have just begun by term as Consul, and I am looking eagerly forward to my term, as we have many special ideas and projects in the works.

To bring you all up to date on the chapter happenings, let me touch on the many aspects of the house that demonstrate our involvement on campus. Academically we ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in overall G.P.A. among the 45 fraternities as we continue to maintain our top ten status among fraternities, also staying above the all men's average. On campus, Eric Townsend, '00, is active on the Interfraternity Council Board of Directors, serving as the new member development director. Currently active in Purdue's Student Government are Griffin Dunham '00, Vice President, and Erik Dunbar, '00 as Student Senator. Griffin recently returned from Washington, D.C. where he lobbied for more student loans and educational funding. Brothers Townsend and Dunbar also recently returned from the Mid America Greek Conference where they were able to learn more about promoting and working within the Greek system. We also remain active participants in Interfraternity Judicial Board, Faskillitators, and Gimlet, among many other leadership positions.

The chapter crowned Amy Usleman, Delta Gamma, our Sweetheart at this year's Blue Formal. Currently, plans are on schedule for the second annual White Cross Formal, being held on March 27, on a riverboat in Louisville. Brothers Ryan

Gaunt, '01, and Stephen Provost, '99, are taking the reins on this new tradition. Varsity and Intramural athletics continue to remain vital components of our brotherhood as well.

I am currently very proud of two items. The first is our 124<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chapter, which we celebrated on March 3. We look forward to celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> next year, as the most storied and successful Greek organization at Purdue University. We also proudly initiated twenty new brothers into Delta Delta. They are a strong pledge class, and we put much faith into their abilities to take our brotherhood into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Delta Delta Housemother Nancy Clark Recognized

In the winter issue of the Magazine of Sigma Chi our housemother/cook, Nancy Clark, was featured for her role in working with the young men of Delta Delta. A reprint of the article from the Magazine is included with this issue of the Data. Any brother wishing to learn more about obtaining The Magazine can contact the editors at [www.sigmachi.org](http://www.sigmachi.org) or at 847/869-3655.

## A Special Thank You

The chapter would like to thank the **Class of '58** for their special gift to the chapter. The funds went toward the purchase of several new chairs for the dining room. According to George Morton '58, the gift was to show appreciation for the hospitality shown to the Class of '58 during their 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion held at Homecoming.



## Delta Delta Ranks #1 In Philanthropy

At this year's Indiana Province State Day event held in Indianapolis, the brothers of the Delta Delta Chapter were honored to receive the Richard E. Hester Philanthropic Award which recognizes one chapter in the state for their effort to promote philanthropy and charitable causes. Philanthropic events give each chapter the opportunity to become involved with other campus activities and the community at large.

Derby Days continues to be the chapter's largest sponsored philanthropic event. While working closely with the sororities on campus and conducting a number of fun events, we annually raise between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for The Children's Miracle Network, Sigma Chi's national charity, and the local Boys and Girls Club. In addition to Derby Days, our chapter also participated in eight other philanthropic events sponsored by other Purdue organizations. For each philanthropic program in which we took part, Sigma Chi was voted the most outstanding participant in promoting that group's cause. Each of which raises money for a wide range of worthy causes.

Delta Delta also gets involved in the local West Lafayette community through its efforts in organizing and conducting the West Lafayette Fifth and Sixth grade recreational basketball league. The brothers organize the league including team selection, coaching, scheduling and refereeing. Both the brothers and the children benefit from the relationships built during the season. Trent Bonnell '99

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## Brotherhood Reigns At '99 Feast





Mark Herrmann '81

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radio broadcast team. He also works as a financial advisor for Payne Weber. Mark and his wife, Susie, make their home in Indianapolis with their three children.

In speaking with Mark about being named a Significant Sig he stated that it was a great honor to be included with the likes of Griese, Stram, Everett and the others who had excelled in their chosen fields of endeavor. Mark also noted that his whole Sigma Chi experience has been very rewarding. It was an important part of his college experience and his closest friends today are Sigs.

All of us at Delta Delta are proud of Brother Herrmann's accomplishments and we look forward to having his award presented to him at the chapter.

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the league chairman, commented on the benefits of running this program, "The fifth and sixth grade league gives the brothers the opportunity to teach basketball fundamentals and to serve as role models for the young boys."

We are proud of our efforts and we appreciate the recognition we have received for our work.

## J. Bruce Harreld '72 Returns As Old Master

In the company of accomplished authors, academicians, astronauts, and coaches, Significant Sig J. Bruce Harreld '72, now senior Vice President of Strategy for IBM, returned as one of ten Old Masters to Purdue in November. Over a two day period Bruce and the other "old masters" had an opportunity to meet with a broad spectrum of the Purdue student body. The goal being to impart to those they met a little of the wisdom they have gained from their years of experience.

Bruce noted that he and the leaders of tomorrow need to do two things to ensure great accomplishments: make sense out of the world around them and be themselves. For those of us who got to hear Bruce and the others speak it was interesting to see what their philosophies were and how they might apply to us as students.

We want to thank Bruce for taking the time to return to Purdue and taking part in such an important program for all of us.

## Delta Delta Initiates Twenty New Brothers

The Brothers of Delta Delta welcome the newest pledge class to the ranks of Sigma Chi. The Class of '02 was initiated on March 6 with several guests in attendance. Jim Hutchins '75, Bill Townsend '75, Harold Force '73 and John Hilgenberg '72 were present to see their sons receive their Sigma Chi pins. This is always a special moment for both father and son. As with every new class of Delta Delta brothers we wish them the best of luck as they are charged with carrying the honor of Sigma Chi and Delta Delta into the future.

The new initiates are:  
*Manuel Francisco Ayau*  
*Guatemala City, Guatemala*  
*Jason Richard Bezy*  
*Floyds Knobs, Indiana*  
*Aaron Charles Boeke*  
*Oak Park, Illinois*  
*Toby Michael Bostwick*  
*West Labanon, Indiana*  
*John Williamson Briscoe*  
*Evansville, Indiana*  
*Douglas Richard Evernham*  
*Evansville, Indiana*

*Clayton Donald Force*  
*Columbus, Indiana*  
*Bryan Robert Gauden*  
*Evansville, Indiana*  
*Ryan Joseph Hilgenberg*  
*Leesburg, Indiana*  
*Nicholas Robert Walter Hutchins*  
*Kokomo, Indiana*  
*Mustafa Rafat Jamal*  
*Karachi, Pakistan*  
*Benjamin Lee Liebert*  
*Floyds Knobs, Indiana*  
*Justin Paul Lotak*  
*Muncie, Indiana*  
*Steven Russell Merten*  
*Greenwood, Indiana*  
*Jacob Thomas Rowe*  
*Oakland City, Indiana*  
*Nicholas Deane Rundell*  
*Muncie, Indiana*  
*Dean Samuel Seeger*  
*Toledo, Ohio*  
*Nathan Wayne Scherer*  
*Syracuse, Indiana*  
*Kevin Donald Robert Townsend*  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*  
*William Craig Wardlaw*  
*New Albany, Indiana*



## A housemother

Sigma Chi's role in my life is love. The very first day of my job at the chapter, I met so many young men who welcomed me with open arms. It was the beginning of an every-growing, mutual caring and sharing of work and play.

My kitchen stewards and waiters are very cooperative, and I appreciate them very much. They help me go the extra mile with their peers. The discipline they show adds a special dimension of character and kindness.

I like to fix foods for Sigma Chi fellows and enjoy preparing them the way they like it. Holidays give me the opportunity to make decorations and prepare "special" trays of food. It is my goal to make the holidays special, interesting, and pretty in every way possible.

On an average day, I leave home out in Benton County, Ind., around 8:00 a.m., arriving at the Sigma Chi house at around 8:30. I am always greeted by a "Good morning," or a "What's for lunch?" as the guys head out to their first classes of the day. I go into the kitchen and start preparing lunch, trying to give them something different each day. One of their favorites is the taco bar, followed by chili and grilled cheese, and then chicken nuggets, hamburgers and french fries.

I serve lunch from 10:30 until 2:30. During this time, I visit with different brothers about the events of the day, such as the classes they just left or the ones they are waiting for, as well as upcoming tests and recent and future parties. Lunch is usually eaten very leisurely, and the brothers come in and have time to share their problems and thoughts. I am always there to listen and give advice when asked. I don't try to take their mother's place, but I do want them to know that I am there for them. Sometimes we try to solve the problems they are having with their love lives, and other times it is as simple as a brother needing a button sewn on his shirt or a patch sewn on his torn jeans.

When lunch is over, one of the waiters cleans the kitchen and dining room and does the dishes. Before I start dinner, I work on the menus for the next week, or talk to the housemother next door about common problems. While doing this, there may be a something baking in the oven, such as a cake, casserole, or roast.

At about 4:00, I start preparing the rest of the evening meal. By 5:30, the kitchen steward and waiters have arrived and are setting the tables and helping me get everything ready. After consulting with them about the meal, I leave for home. Usually, on my way to the car, I run into several guys returning from campus with all kinds of salutations.

God has blessed me with two natural-born sons, but He has blessed me yearly as "mother" to all these Sigma Chis. I feel very fond and close to all these young men.

One of my favorite months of my job is October. Highlights of each year include Homecoming, Parents Weekend, Mothers Weekend. The reunion of alumni during Homecoming is special to me because I'm able to revisit with each year's graduates and new pledges, who have helped me to get where I am today. And during the family weekends, it is nice to meet the parents and share comments about their sons and memorable moments. We all have the Sigma Chis' best interests at heart!

One of the year's most exciting times is when my husband and I host our annual chapter barn dance at our farm. The camaraderie between the young men and their dates is evident.

Another exciting time for me is giving tours of my Sigma Chi room, where I have mementos, pictures and gifts from my seven

years as housemother.

I am interested in the brothers' individual ideas, problems, happy times and careers, even after they graduate and leave "home." I miss these alumni, but my prayers go out with them for a successful future. There are many times during the year that special gifts and honors are bestowed upon me with love from the Sigma Chis. The brothers will never know how much they have touched my heart.

The following poem was sent to me by one of my former Sigma Chis. It really says how I feel about the men of Sigma Chi.

"Some People" by Eric McBride, **Purdue '98**

Some people come into our lives and quickly go.

Some people move our souls to dance.

They awaken us to an understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom.

Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon.

They stay in our lives for a while,

leave footprints on our hearts,

and we are never, ever the same.


Love and blessings from a Sigma Chi housemother. 

Photo by David Trayser



**Mrs. Nancy Lou Clark, housemother at the Purdue, Delta Delta, chapter.**

## Alumni In The News . . Alumni In The News . . Alumni In The News

'42 **George B. Peet** has a new address. He is now located at 1415 Brainerd Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811.

'45 **H.W."Bill" Jones, Ph.D** has moved to 1100 East Whittier Blvd, LaHabra, CA 90631.

'51 **Paul R. McCloud** entered the Chapter Eternal on October 29, 1998. Brother McCloud served as Delta Delta's Consul and received his Chemical Engineering degree in 1951. He is survived by his wife, Win, of 595 Lake Forest Lane, Muskegon, MI 49441, and their two sons John and David.

'53 **Franklin L. Hankins** reported that after several trials and tribulations he and his wife have relocated. While his place was being remodeled Frank wrote that he learned not to knock his head against the walls as they are cement – likewise the floors and ceilings. He learned that extension cords are a necessity for the preservation of life, liberty and the pur-

suit of happiness. He learned how painters wait for carpenters and carpenters wait for plumbers and etc., etc., etc. They are all such a polite bunch in that way. And he learned that if you want to meet your new neighbors you head for the laundry room on the first floor. Now that the dust has settled Frank can be found at 310 W. 49<sup>th</sup> St. #906, Kansas City, MO 64112.

'63 **William E. Morris** has headed for the gentle sea breezes and beautiful golf courses of Hilton Head Island. His new address is 24 Ridgewood Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

'75 **John C. Buckingham** who has traveled far and wide now calls home 5752 E. Finisterra, Tucson, AZ 85750.

'81 **Will Lyles** is back in Fresno, CA busy building sewage treatment plants with the family company. He enjoys the challenge and would welcome brothers in the area to give him a call. His new address is PO Box 4232, Fresno, CA 93744.

'83 **Matt Freije** and family (Noel, Vanessa, Hope, Nicholas, Sophia and Ethan) have moved to the San Diego area. Their new home is at 808 El Paisano Drive, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

'85 **Chris Corrigan** and wife, Sarah, are the proud parents of William Christopher, born February 4. He joins Mary Helen (6) and Lilly (2) at the Corrigan household at 204 Lindberg, W. Lafayette, IN 47906.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing June 12

#### Purdue South Course West Lafayette, IN

Mark your calendars now and line up those foursomes. This year's event returns to the scenic Purdue South Course. The day will be filled with golf, a great meal and plenty of brotherhood. Registration information will be mailed in April.

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## Alumni Correspondence Relives Delta Delta Days

Occasionally we receive letters from alumni that relate stories of their Delta Delta days or tell of the importance of Sigma Chi in their lives. Although due to space limitations it is difficult to reprint them in their entirety, we welcome your notes and will do our best to include them when possible.

**Stu Pritchard MD '43** in recalling events almost 60 years ago wrote that "beginning my sophomore year in engineering in 1940, I welcomed brother, Dave Sayles, to my room – the Grotto – where Hank Stram also lived. "I think I'll try pre-med," Dave said. "Why don't you?" And we both did! In 1952, because of the Delta Delta Data we were able to locate each other and our friendship continued. Dave was in San Diego and I resided in Olympia, WA. Now I've retired to a pristine ranch in SW Montana which I bought from Dave and where his ashes now reside on the hillside. Who could ever predict where the paths taken from 202 Littleton will eventually lead."



(L-R) Brothers James Ritchie '63, Richard Stall '63, and James Lopeman '63 recently shared lunch and compared ties with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background. Left to right, Polo, Armani and Sigma Chi. Brothers Richie and Stall practice their law profession in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, while Brother Lopeman refines his oil business in Hercules, CA.

**John G. Astrom '34** sent us a note in December that read "thanks for your nice greeting card even though I've been out of touch with you for 66 years since my father passed away in 1933 and I went home to help keep the home fires burning, one semester short of obtaining my M.E. degree. In short, I then, during a depression year entered an apprenticeship and after 32 years retired as General Manager of Fries Tool & Machine Works.

At 88 years of age and after 30 years of retirement, I am at home in Florida. The important thing I have wanted to let you know since I can not come to see you at 202 Littleton is that I still remember it and I am proud of my Sigma Chi heritage."

Brother Astrom the men of Delta Delta are proud to call you brother. Thanks for the reminder of the importance of Sigma Chi throughout our lives.

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