Delta Delta Data

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The 14th Annual Brotherhood Dinner drew a large gathering of alumni and undergraduate brothers back to Delta Delta.

ALUMNI RETURN TO CELEBRATE BROTHERHOOD

"I was so impressed with our chapter and execution of such a fine evening with good alumni attendance, speaker, and superb dinner" noted Bob Blinn '55 who traveled from the Washington, D.C. area to attend the 14th Annual Brotherhood Dinner hosted by the chapter on April 6th. For the 30 alumni and 60 undergraduates who took part in this annual event, it was an evening filled with good cheer, fond memories, and a chance for alumni and undergrads to learn from each other. Remarked Jeff McKean '85, "The Brotherhood Dinner was tremendous. Mark Hermann '81 gave a very insightful talk. It was a great turnout and everyone was impressed and I think enjoyed themselves."

This year's special guest Significant Sig and former All American quarterback Mark Herrmann spoke of how he sought to have a diversified college experience which was one of the reasons he joined Sigma Chi. Mark noted that he had spent many hours throwing passes to his pledge brothers in the front yard of the chapter house. Along with his Sigma Chi experiences, Mark also talked of his NFL career, his Purdue football days, and the prospects for the Boilermakers in 2005.

Another highlight of the evening is always the chapter meeting that permits the alumni guests to once again experience the ritual. This is the opportunity that each alumnus has

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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 '87

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Consul's Corner ..... Tyler Haehl '05

It is a privilege to address you as the new Consul of Delta Delta, following in the footsteps of my father, Robert Haehl '76 and uncle, Bill Haehl '71, both former Consuls of Delta Delta. Many major improvements have taken place this year at Delta Delta and we are excited to be a part of the chapter at this time.

Throughout the 2003/2004 school year, Delta Delta struggled in the area of scholarship, ranking 16th in GPA out of 41 fraternities at Purdue. In order to improve scholastically, Delta Delta placed increased emphasis on scholarship as we conducted our 2004/2005 recruitment campaign. To promote academics during rush, the chapter awarded three scholarships to incoming freshman rushees and six scholarships to active brothers totaling over $2,500. As a result of these initiatives the chapter's cumulative GPA increased from a 2.78 in the Fall 2003 semester to a 2.823 for the Fall 2004 semester. This improved our overall chapter ranking from 18th to 8th place on campus in grades; exceeding both the all men's average and the all fraternity average. Our new pledge class also ranked 5th on campus in grades as well this fall.

In addition to improving the overall chapter GPA and winning the J. Dwight Peterson Significant chapter award last summer at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop, the highlight of the 2003/2004 school year, was being the recipient of the R.B. Stewart Award. This extremely competitive honor, presented by the Interfraternity Council, is given to the chapter which "best exemplifies the ideals and values of fraternity life through dedication to the Greek System, Purdue University and the Community." Purdue's 41 fraternities make it the third largest Greek system in the country, and within this group Delta Delta is proud to lead the way in modeling an example of leadership, values, and service to the community.

In order to sustain the momentum gained during 2004, we began the spring semester by holding an officer planning retreat in Indianapolis. During this conference, the officers of Delta Delta evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of our current scholarship, pledgeship, philanthropy, and recruitment programs. We also revised the chapter's strategic plan for the 2005 school year. During our meeting Harold Force '73 also presented the chapter renovation plans to the chapter's officers and participating alumni.

The chapter's commitment to make timely changes was recognized at this spring's State Day event when Delta Delta was selected to receive the J. Dwight Peterson Award as the Indiana Province's Most Improved Chapter.

Much of the success of our chapter can be attributed to the strong leadership and brotherhood at Delta Delta. At Purdue many campus top leadership positions are held by Sigma Chi's. Currently, over 85% of the members of the active Chapter hold at least one campus position. Members of Delta Delta have held the following positions: Student Body President, Purdue Student Government Executive Director of

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to talk about what Sigma Chi has meant to them in their lives and careers. The remarks made by the alumni show to each of our younger brothers what it means to have a life long commitment to our fraternity.

The chapter also puts together an outstanding meal in which they turn the Great Hall into a large banquet room so all the undergraduates and guests can be together. The hospitality time before the meal gives all in attendance a chance to meet new people and renew old friendships. In the Dining Room old scrap books are on display that help remind the alumni that they too were young and a little crazy once.

Special thanks go to Luke Marklin, Eric Bowler and Tyler Haehl for organizing this event and to Nancy and the kitchen crew for preparing and serving a wonderful meal.

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Programming, Purdue Student Government Senate (2), Gimlet Leadership Honorary (3), Mortar Board Leadership Honorary (2), Order of Omega Honorary (2), Interfraternal Council Director of Leadership Development, Old Masters Central Committee (2), President of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Vice President of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and Vice President of AICHE.

Delta Delta continues to believe that becoming involved in student organizations outside of the classroom contributes to personal growth and a well-rounded college career. Recognizing that members have a responsibility not only to the chapter but also to the campus and local community, Delta Delta has found various avenues to exemplify service and leadership while giving back to Purdue.

Old Master Harbaugh Returns To Earth

Significant Sig Greg Harbaugh '78 returned to Purdue in November as one of 13 Old Masters. This renowned program has brought prominent alumni back for over 35 years to share their personal experiences with the Purdue student body.

Delta Delta hosts Old Master's Reception

Greg, along with his wife Carol, had a chance to visit several student groups and classes where he described what it was like to be an astronaut. Greg, who took part in four space shuttle missions over his 25 year NASA career, was also responsible for managing the extra-vehicular activities for the space program. As a Mission Specialist he ventured out on several "space walks", worked on the Hubbell telescope, and was part of the mission that docked with the USSR's Mir space station.

Brad McKinney '06 (L) and Anthony Cassera '07 (R) host Greg Harbaugh's return to Delta Delta.

One of the highlights of Greg's Old Master's visit was a dinner hosted at Delta Delta with the Chi Omega sorority. With the Great Hall arranged to accommodate the large group for dinner, Greg described what it was like to be launched into outer space, the indescribable feeling of "walking" in space, and the amazing sense of awe as you gazed upon the earth from hundreds of miles above it.

Once Greg finished his remarks and answered questions, he directed his comments to the brothers and spoke to them about how important Sigma Chi and his days at Delta Delta have been to him. Greg spoke of the tremendous opportunities Sigma Chi had given him as an undergraduate and the honor it had been to serve as its Consul. He also spoke of the obligation each brother assumes as part of this historic chapter. As members of Delta Delta they must maintain the excellence and traditions of the past, so future generations of Sigma Chi's could proudly follow in their footsteps.

As a former Old Master's Central Committee chairperson, Greg knows first hand how much time and effort it requires to make this program successful. Delta Delta brothers involved in Old Master's were Brad McKinney '06, Chris Kutanovski '07, Mike Andreone '07, Anthony Cassera '07, and Lance Dai '07.

Ranks of Sigma Chi Grow With Initiation of Pledge Classes

The ranks of Sigma Chi grew by 32 young men with the Chapter's Fall and Spring Initiations. We welcome these men to Delta Delta. They include:

Fall 2004

Alex Angermeier, Owensville, IN
William Cronin, Burr Ridge, IL
Chase Hitchens, Carmel, IN
Matthew Vuckov, Schererville, IN
Brian Zentz, Argos, IN

Spring 2005

Brian Anderson, Mokena, IL
Cheston Arthur, Carmel, IN
Brian Ballard, Mt. Morris, IL
Tyler Baumgarht, Zionsville, IN
David Busch II, South Bend, IN
William Burgman, Zionsville, IN
James Byerly, Indianapolis, IN
Matthew Clark, Floyd Knobs, IN
Juan Garcia, Miami, FL
Christopher Horney, Indianapolis IN
Thomas Jeschke, Mazon, IL
William Kennedy, Janesville, WI
Sean Kibbe, South Bend, IN
Justin Lawhorn, Carmel, IN
Jordan Mitchell, Bedford, IN
Nicholas Naber, Grosse Pointe, MI
Mitchell Nugent, Manteno, IL
Patrick O'Keefe, Downers Grove,IL
Nicholas Prokos, Green Lake, WI
Nathan Rausch, Carthage, IN
John Schildmier, Charlottesville, IN
Michael Simhauser, Springfield, IL
Gus Small, Evansville, IN
Elliott Steward, Indianapolis, IN
Daniel Vollmer, Southlake, TX
James Wang, North Attleboro, MA
Joseph Zerbo, Apple Valley, MN

We look forward to the contributions of these young men as they move into the chapter house and take an active role in campus, chapter, and community activities, and perpetuate Delta Delta's legacy.

Sigs Play Easter Bunny For Lafayette Area Children

The Great Hall was filled with the screams of little kids. The energetic group of elementary school students arrived at 202 Littleton Street to participate in an Easter egg hunt organized and hosted by Sigma Chi and the Delta Gamma sorority. Mike Armbrust '06 stated that the purpose of this event was get the Greek organizations involved in the community.

To entertain the kids the Sigs and DGs had set up a number of different activity stations. One was set up so each child could have their picture taken with the Easter bunny. Another provided materials and assistance to create Popsicle picture frames, and a third was where snacks were served. The brothers even had a mock petting zoo with scared little bunnies running around in a caged area of cedar mulch. The highlight, of course, was the Easter egg hunt which took place on the chapter's front lawn. The brothers had hid the eggs when the kids were doing the activities inside the chapter house.

The reward for the brothers was summed up well by Luis Fernandez '06 when he exclaimed, "Oh my God, it was just amazing to see the kids smiling out there."

15th Annual Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, June 11
Coyote Crossing Golf Course
West Lafayette, IN

Details have been sent in the mail to all alumni. For additional information contact Bob Burlas at bob.burlas@crosswalkinc.com.

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Governor Enters Chapter Eternal
D. Kirk Fordice '56 entered Chapter Eternal September 7. A Significant Sig, Fordice in 1992 became Mississippi's 61st governor and the first Republican elected to this position in 118 years. He was only the second governor to serve two consecutive 4-year terms in the state's history. Fordice was the former CEO of Fordice Construction Co. and was national president and 1992 Man of the Year for the Associated General Contractors of America.

'45 Herman W. (Bill) Jones has relocated to Cypress Place, 1220 Cypress Point Ln., Ventura, CA 93003.

'65 Russ Pfahler writes that he is retired, he thinks. Russ is president of a not-for-profit corporation, serves as a City Councilman, and is adjunct faculty at the University of Phoenix. When at home he can be found at 8854 E. Fairway Blvd., Chandler, AZ 85248. Email: pfahler@attglobal.net.

'69 Robert Nelsen retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. after 34 years, the last 12 in which he was Plant Manager in Texarkana. Once his wife, Carol, retires in May from teaching, they plan to travel and visit their 3 sons and 4 grandchildren. Bob can be reached at #1 Hickory Ridge Dr., Texarkana, TX.

'73 Mark McClure reports that he was married to Cheri Elliott on January 13. Cheri is an adult nurse practioner and Mark and Cheri practice together at Landmark Urology and Complimentary Medicine. The couple calls home 320 Fairwinds Dr., Cary, NC 27511.

'92 John Corthinos and his wife Christy announced the birth of a baby girl, Elise, on November 9, who joins 2 year old sister, Carly. John is an Account Executive for Comedy Central in Chicago and can be reached at 633 N. Ottawa Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068. Email: jcorthinos@comcast.net.

'93 Michael Schleper and his wife, Laurie, are the proud parents of their first child, William Charles, born October 28. Congratulations can be sent to 1499 Blake St., #4U, Denver, CO 80202. Email: michael_schleper@storagetek.com.

'95 Gavin Philipps and his family have packed their bags and moved from North Carolina to Illinois. Gavin, Hillary, Tristan and one on the way now call home 7401 Piper Glen Dr., Springfield, IL 62711. Email: gavin.philipps@bsci.com.

'00 Andy Wesdorp recently took a new job as a regional sales manager for Carriage Inc. an RV manuafacturer. In covering his nine-state territory Andy has visited some of his pledge brothers and looks forward to seeing more. When in town Andy can be found at 23695 Ramblewood Ln., Elkart, IN 46516. Email: andywesdorp@hotmail.com.

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'00 Busch Voigts is a Captain with US Airways Express flying throughout the Caribbean Islands and South America. Busch notes that he will be taking a leave of absence to fly F-16's with the 157th Fighter Wing in South Carolina. When grounded he is located at 2008 Crafton Blvd., Crafton, PA 15205. Email: busch_voigts@hotmail.com.

'01 Steve Harris and wife, Kambria, welcomed a daughter, Hadley Kate, on November 18. Steve is in his last year of medical school at I. U.- Indianapolis and will begin his residency training in July. Steve and family can be reached at 5530 Rosslyn Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220. Email: steve_harris55@hotmail.com.

'02 Jacob T. Rowe has settled at 11856 Wedgeport Lane, Fishers, IN 46038. Email: jrowe@bmhcorp.com.

CHAPTER ETERNAL
Gene J. Gramelspacher '52
Jasper, IN 6-12-03

Nick Fritsch '63 (lower right) points to the Tarkington weathervane he located.

Tracing Delta Delta's History

Nick Fritsch '63 while visiting Kennebunkport, ME recently learned that Delta Delta Significant Sig and Pulitzer Prize winner Booth Tarkington's (1893) summer retreat boat house from 1930 – 46 was located there. Finding it reminded Nick of the search for the White Cross. Even the town's Chamber of Commerce did not know the location of the boat house. Nick discovered that it presently houses the town's Maritime Museum. Atop the home is a weathervane shaped in the figure of Brother Tarkington on a stroll carrying a portable telescope under his arm. A commemorative plaque highlights his local contributions in writing two novels: Mary's Neck and Mirthful Haven that captured the Kennebunkport's ambience and life. The town's affection for Tarkington was noted in their 1946 Annual Report, which stated their "profound regret" at his passing.

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