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Many of the alumni and active brothers in attendance gather outside the chapter house prior to the start of this year's annual Brotherhood Dinner.

“LAST SUPPER” HELD AT 2006 BROTHERHOOD DINNER

Perhaps it was fitting that the 15th Annual Alumni Brotherhood Dinner took place during Holy Week this spring. As the last supper to be held in the “old” Great Hall, prior to the start of the renovation in May, our alumni guests and the undergraduates had an opportunity to come together one more time in the comfortable setting of the historic room, which has served as the gathering place for generations of Delta Delta Sigs.

This year's event held on April 11 was attended by twenty alumni brothers and the active chapter. With the Great Hall set up as a

large banquet hall, it once again served as the perfect setting for alumni and undergraduate brothers to meet, share their stories and take part in the ritual.

The highlight this year was the poignant comments made by our special guest Significant Sig Hank Suerth '68. Instead of touching on his many successes, Brother Suerth spoke to the brothers about the times in his life that he felt he had failed, and how it seemed that there was always a Delta Delta brother there to pick him up and get him back on track. Hank spoke of his days on the Purdue basketball and

baseball teams and how he never thought that he was living up to his or the expectations of others. But Hank said that regardless of how many foul shots he missed, when he walked back into the chapter house, there were always brothers in the Great Hall who would give him a round of applause and let him know how proud they were that he was a Sigma Chi.

Hank also talked about how the closeness of his pledge class and how their support had gotten him through a difficult marriage for many years, and allowed him to stay close to his own sons. Brother
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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 '87

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Consul's Corner Chris Kutanovski '06

It is a privilege to address you as the new Consul and update you on the many significant activities which have taken place this semester at Delta Delta.

Academically, last semester Delta Delta, ranked 10th in grades out of 39 fraternities at Purdue. Our overall GPA was greater than the all fraternity and all men's average at Purdue. In order to improve scholastically, Delta Delta emphasized academics to a greater degree during the 2005/2006 recruitment periods. To promote academics, the chapter awarded three scholarships to incoming freshman rushees and six scholarships to active brothers totaling over \$2,500.

In late January it was an honor for us to initiate 25 new brothers. Many alumni returned for the ceremonies of initiation including past consul Gavin Phillips and our new faculty advisor Jim Vrugink. These alumni brothers have been working to improve post initiation training along with Chris Horney, our pro-consul. New sessions were developed on the ritual, leadership, and brotherhood responsibilities. One of the tasks the new initiates undertook as part of PIT was a day traversing Purdue's new high ropes challenge course.

Bill Cronin '08, led our annual Derby Days philanthropy which involved many sororities and added several new events. These included sorority vs. sorority jousting matches, tug of war, and a sumo wrestling match. The girls were very competitive and generous in their donations. We will raise \$1,200 - \$1,500 that will be donated to the Children's Miracle Network.

Our second annual Easter Egg Hunt for College Mentors for Kids was led by Luis Fernandez '08 that hosted 40-50 first through fifth grade elementary school children. With the able assistance from the women of Alpha Phi the afternoon's events consisted of a live bunny petting zoo, Joe Graham '08 dressing up as an Easter bunny, and an Easter egg hunt in the front lawn of the chapter house.

Before closing I would like to congratulate a few brothers for their accomplishments and campus involvement. At Indiana's Sigma Chi State Day we were excited and honored to have Tyler Haehl '05 receive our Province's Balfour award. Chris Horney '07 was recently elected to the Interfraternity Judicial Board, James Wang '08 was chosen to be Interfraternity Judicial Board chief of staff, and Patrick O'Keefe '08 was selected as IFC's Director of Leadership Development. Brother's Luke Marklin '07, Juan Garcia '08 and Thomas Jeschke '08 were chosen as 3 of the 12 members of the Old Masters Central Committee. The chapter would also like to congratulate brothers Harold Force '71, Drew Brees '01 and Steven Schmidt '76 for being designated Significant Sigs.

Over the last two semesters, Delta Delta has made great strides to improve upon all aspects of brotherhood, scholarship and leadership. Thanks to our strong alumni base I am confident that Delta Delta is at a great time in its history and I look forward to continuing the tradition of leadership development and brotherhood within the chapter over the next year.

Mom's Day Brings Families Back To Delta Delta

Sigma Chi Mom's Day 2006 was a hit! With more than 175 brothers, mothers, fathers, aunt, uncles, siblings, and grandmothers in attendance, a good time was had by all. "We were very pleased that so many mothers and family members were able to attend. It makes it that much more special for everyone, especially the undergraduate brothers," said Scott Stohler, '06, co-Mom's Day Chairman. Stohler and Thomas Jeschke, '08, were the engineers behind the 2006 Mom's Day, and their excellent job in planning was clearly evident as the event went off without a glitch.

Starting at 2:00 p.m. with an informal gathering on the front lawn, brothers and their families were able to catch up with their relatives and those of other Sigma Chi brothers. At 5:30, we commenced the dinner, which was fabulous! Brothers Randy Haines, '06, and Joe Graham, '07, and Randy's Mom were kind enough to cook the food.

Led by alumnus Tom Andrew, '03, as the auctioneer, there wasn't a dull moment in the Great Hall as the auction took place. From golf clubs to a mini DVD player, the range of gifts was wonderful. We had one brother's younger sibling bid on a fishing pole and tent, somewhat unbeknownst to the parents, which turned out to be a good purchase for the young fellow. We had a brother duped into buying a full set of ladies' perfume with its own coordinating wine set. We had brownies, cookies, popcorn, and many other items that satisfied the immediate hunger of those present.

As always, the formal events ended with the singing of "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." A few tears

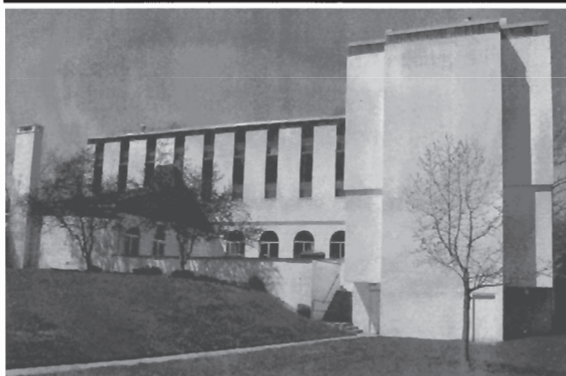


Ryan Hatfield '09 (R) takes a moment to pose with Mom, Janet, and younger brother, Spencer, at this year's Mom's Day event.



(L-R) Jake Meyertose '09, with Mom, Barb, Andrew Brown '09 and Mom, Chris, and Derrick Cranor '09 with his Mom, Jamie, enjoy Mom's Day 2006.

were shed by the mothers of graduating brothers, but undoubtedly no mother will forget the time they had at the 2006 Sigma Chi Mom's Day.



Annex In The Acres 1001 David Ross Road

ANNEX IN THE ACRES HOME FOR 2006 – 2007

With the chapter house under construction for the school year 2006 – 2007, the House Corporation was challenged to find a suitable residence for the chapter. Through the hard work of Tim Maloney '74, Jeff McKean '86, and Tom Leslie '68 a vacant sorority

house was located, a lease was negotiated, and the facility was cleaned and minor repairs made. Renamed the Annex in the Acres the active chapter is prepared to move in at the end of this school year. Everyone is excited about the one year adventure of living at the Annex, which by the way is located next to the Purdue golf course.

Brotherhood Dinner continued

Suerth's heart-felt remarks hit a responsive chord with those in attendance, and gave us all a deeper appreciation of the bonds of friendship that we all share.

One of the other special moments at each year's dinner is during the chapter meeting when we get to hear from the returning alumni. Bill Baker '76 spoke of the support he had received from many, many Sigs during his fight with cancer, while Dave Schellhase '65 and Doug Trudeau '65 talked of how being part of Delta Delta broadened their horizons beyond just basketball. Jake Henry '99 noted how much he appreciated the alumni support he received as an undergraduate and how important it was to the chapter.

Tom Leslie '68, House Corporation President, and Tim Maloney '74, House Corporation, took a couple of minutes to update the group on all the work that had been done on the former AOPi sorority house, which Tim officially christened "The Annex in the Acres". Phil Steele '77 reviewed the status of the fund raising campaign and Consul Chris Kutanovski '07 ran through the chapter's accomplishments over the past year.

As always a special thanks is in order for Nancy and the kitchen crew for serving a great meal. Make plans now to attend next year's dinner at The Annex in the Acres.

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Grand Consul Keith Krach presents Drew Brees '01 with his Significant Sig award at the luncheon held by the Purdue Club of San Diego. Photo courtesy of Ron Glass '87.

BROTHERS HONORED AS SIGNIFICANT SIGS

Delta Delta was honored once again to have three of its alumni selected as Significant Sigs. Those honored were **Harold Force '73**, **Steve Schmidt '76** and **Drew Brees '01**. These brothers join the ranks of some of Delta Delta's most prestigious alumni including George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, Bob Griese, Gerald Hines, Bruce Harreld, Greg Harbaugh and Keith Krach. This brings to 33 the total number of Delta Delta brothers now in this distinguished group.

Harold Force has been provided the leadership and direction that has grown Force Construction into one of the Midwest's leading construction and design firms. His efforts have been recognized by the National Society of Professional Engineers and Purdue where he has received Distinguished Alumni Engineering and Achievement awards.

Steve Schmidt is currently the President of A.C. Nielson, and Executive V.P. of VNU Marketing Information, a consumer research firm. Steve has also given his time to the United Way Advisory Board

of Chicago, is on the Dean's Food Advisory Council, and sits on the Board of Steak & Shake restaurants.

Most of us remember Brother Schmidt more for his toe and arm from his days as the place kicker and backup quarterback on the Purdue football team.

New Orleans Saint's quarterback Drew Brees has continued to win wherever he has the opportunity to play. As the quarterback of the San Diego Chargers, Drew led them to the playoffs in 2004, and was selected to the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl and 2004 NFL Come Back Player of the Year. During Drew's playing days on the Boilermaker gridiron he took Purdue to three bowl games, a Big Ten Championship and their first appearance in the Rose Bowl in 35 years in 2001. Drew was given the Maxwell Award as the nation's top football player in 2000.

These brothers bring honor and distinction to our Fraternity and Chapter and we wish them continued success in their future endeavors.

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Mark Beausir '83 Remembered

Our brother, Mark Joseph Beausir '82 entered the Chapter Eternal on Dec 7, 2005. Bro' Beausir fought sever depression and mental illness over the past several years, and eventually lost the battle and took his own life. Outside of his own family and close relatives, not many friends were aware of his personal struggle. At his funeral, Mark's four brothers, Mike, Kevin, Tim and Randy, who are all Sigma Chis; and several Delta Delta brothers, Randy Cecola, Kerry Flowers, Steve and Stewart Jepson, David Steele and Greg Westerback, participated in a White Rose Ceremony. Everyone thought it was a fitting farewell to our beloved brother. Mark will be remembered by his friends and brothers as a symbol of strength and joy. Amy Beausir, Mark's wife, considers Sigma Chi one of Mark's fondest memories. He will be sadly missed, all honor to his name. In remembrance, please make contri-

butions to the Chapter House Renovation Campaign in Mark's name.

'71 **J. Michael Kuharic** was elected to the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame upon recently retiring from teaching and coaching after 31 years at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL. Unable to leave the cinders behind, Mike relocated from the suburbs to Chicago and is now the men's and women's distance coach for the University of Illinois - Chicago track team. His new address is 14 N. Peoria, 5E, Chicago, IL 60607. Email: coachjmk@yahoo.com.

'79 **T. Godfrey Mackenzie** moved from St. Louis to Dallas for a new job as Executive Director of the Highlands School. Godfrey and his family now reside at 1429 Glenbrook Dr., Irving, TX 75061.

Email:
gmackenzie@thehighlandsschool.org.

'80 **Ron Lester** and his family have relocated to beautiful Colorado and welcome any and all brothers to stop by on their way to the Rockies. Ron's address is 8860 Quail Glen Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920. Email: rjlboiler@earthlink.net.

'83 **Kerry Flowers** has made a move to 2367 Sunset Heights Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.

'98 **Rob Swingle** was married last July 2nd to his lovely bride, Liani. The newly weds reside at 99 Riverwalk Way, Cohoes, NY 12407.

'02 **John Briscoe** and bride, Kitty Troyer, tied the knot last April in West Lafayette. These two Purdue football fans chose to hold their reception at Ross-Ade Stadium in the Shively Pavillion overlooking the 50 yard line. John and Kitty reside at 831 Kingswood Dr., Evansville, IN 47715 where John is a realtor for F.C. Tucker Emge Realtors. Email: john-briscoe@fctuckeremge.com

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Alumni News continued

'01 **John Gowan** has moved south to 3214 Windy Cape Ln., League City, TX 77573.

'01 **Tom Theobald** has come back to the Midwest and now resides at 1455 Pepperbush Ct., Marysville, OH 43040.

'02 **Steve Merten** was married to Julie in December 2004, and is now employed by Toll Bros. Inc. in Jacksonville, FL. Steve and his bride have bought a home at 4635 Antler hill Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32224. E m a i l : SRMerten@aol.com.

'03 **Robert Glinke** has settled down at 12369 Ensley Dr., Fishers, IN 46038.

'03 **Leighton Wells** has relocated to 960 W. Cuyler Ave., Apt. 15, Chicago, IL 60613.

'04 **Brian Brechbuhl** now calls home 7958 Wheatridge Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46268. Email: Bbrechbuhl@exacttarget.com.

Alumni News Notes Needed
Send in news on new jobs, births, moves, promotions, vacations by filling in the form on Page 5.



L-R: Brothers Tom Leslie '68, proud father Robert Haehl '76, Tyler Haehl '05, Keith Krach '79 and Phil Steele '77 congratulate Tyler on his selection as the Northern Province 2006 Balfour Award winner which was presented at the annual State Day event held in Indianapolis.

Chapter Eternal

All honor to their names.

Sherman Ellison '35, Anderson, IN 10-8-2001

James H. Templeton '46, Franklin, TN, 2-2005

Richard H. Olson '47, Denver, CO, 1-2006

Thomas S. Dreisbach '48, Highland Beach, FL 2-2006

Joseph W. Harrison '53, Attica, IN, 2-2006

James R. Kronquist '54, Fayetteville, PA, 2-2006

Ken Montgomery '55, Aiken, SC, 12-2005

Thomas D. Clapper '55, West Lafayette, IN, 2-22-2006

Daniel D. Mosier '64, Port Huron, MI, 5-29-2002

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