



Delta Delta Data

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Purdue Recognizes Elsperman '58

Robert Elsperman '58 was recognized at Purdue's 21st annual Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement Awards on April 10 for his career achievements and contributions to the civil engineering profession.

Brother Elsperman was the former president and now corporate consultant to Tarlton, a St. Louis based general contracting and construction management firm. Tarlton ranks in *Engineering News-Record's* Top 400 Contractors with annual revenues exceeding \$170 million.

An Active Career

Active throughout his career in the industry, Bob has served as an officer of nearly every national, regional, and local organization in the construction industry, most notably as national treasurer of the Associated General Contractors of America, the largest trade association in the United States. He served as president of ASC's St. Louis chapter in 1981 and as president of the Engineers' Club of St. Louis in 1974-75.

Among his professional honors are being named Young Engineer of the Year, Engineer of the Year and Construction Man of the Year. He also received the ACG of St. Louis award. In 2008 Bob was honored with the Al Fleischer Award for Management from PRIDE of St. Louis.

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(L-R) Jay Andrew '98, MC and Chapter Advisor, Alex Dexeus '15, Consul, and special guest Rob Hughes '10 at the 23rd Annual Sigma Chi Brotherhood Dinner.

Sharing a Great Night of Brotherhood

The 23rd Annual Sigma Chi Brotherhood Dinner held on April 9 once again captured the true spirit of Sigma Chi, as alumni and undergraduates shared time together and participated in the ritual. With the Great Hall set up as a large banquet hall with white table cloths and blue and gold runners on each table, it was a great setting for a great evening.

Alumni Share Fond Memories

With over 20 alumni in attendance, the evening was filled with wonderful stories and a chance to interact with the undergraduate brothers. One of the highlights is always having the alumni guests stand up during the Good of the Order and pass on some sage words of advice or a story of times gone by at 202 Littleton.

One of the favorite stories is hearing Sam Washburn, a Hanover Sig, Class of 56, tell of his experience of attending George Ade's funeral in 1944 as a small boy and sitting next to John T. McCutcheon. He was told by his father at the time that this was a significant event. Of course he didn't realize how

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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 Alex Dexeus '15

My brothers, I am very happy to report that the Delta Delta Chapter has had a very rewarding and eventful spring semester.

New Brothers

Earlier this semester, we initiated 20 new members into Sigma Chi. The ceremonies of initiation went flawlessly and the event was edifying and enjoyable for our brothers and guests.

Greek Gala Awards Banquet

Delta Delta was nominated for several awards this semester honoring the Greek Community in the annual campus wide "Greek Gala". I am proud to report that our chapter brought home the trophies for Scholar of the Year for Andrew Cagnassola, President of the Year for Greg Burns, and also the much sought after R.B. Stewart Chapter of the Year Award. These trophies are a great honor and the recognition we received is an indication of the hard work of all the brothers.

Pledge Dance and Spring Formal

While the brothers have continued to work hard, they have not forgotten how to enjoy their time at the Sig House. The newly initiated pledge class honored our graduating seniors by working very hard to decorate the Great Hall in a 2014 Winter Olympics theme for Pledge Dance this year. The brothers also enjoyed a weekend in Chicago aboard the "Anita Dee II" for our Spring Formal a few weekends ago.

Brotherhood Dinner

Last month the active chapter had the honor of hosting our local alumni for the 23rd annual Brotherhood Dinner. Our guest speaker was a recent alumni and local sports anchor star Rob Hughes '10. He spoke about his journey after collegiate life and emphasized the importance of hard work and pursuing your passions. The brothers also enjoyed hearing stories of fun times at the Sig House from alumni of all eras.

Mom's Weekend

Our brothers and moms had a very enjoyable Mom's Weekend this year thanks to the hard work of brothers Max Fischer and Rajiv Samagond. The weekend was full of excitement with a cake-decorating contest, cock-



Moms and their Sig sons gather at Brunos as part of Mom's Day.

tail hour, and a silent and live auction with proceeds benefitting our very successful Grand Prix team. I know my mom greatly enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the weekend and I am certain that all the other proud mothers of Delta Delta Sigs would say the same.

The remainder of the school year and the summer also bring great things for Delta Delta with two karts racing in the annual Grand Prix Race, the summer rush event, and many brothers looking forward to working hard and earning some extra money in summer internships.

Elsperman Honored continued

An Active Civic Life

Bob has been involved in numerous civic organizations. He served on the Lyles School of Civil Engineering at Purdue advisory council and is immediate past chairman of the board of St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors Systems, a faith-based, not-for-profit organization serving the needs of the senior population. Bob has also served on the advisory boards for the Salvation Army, the Hope Center, and for several banks.



Bob Elsperman '58

In 2000 Bob was named "Individual of the Year" among general contractors by the Greater Missouri Chapter of the March of Dimes. He has also given his time to United Way, Children's Miracle Network, Boy Scouts of America and Howard Park Center.

Family Joins In On Big Night

On hand to be part of Bob's big night were his wife, D'Arcy, and their three children, Dirk, Tracy and Wendy. John Sand '58 fittingly commented to Brother Elsperman, "Bob, what a great honor, and well deserved. A fitting recognition of over a half century of applying all that you learned at Purdue- well, most of it."

Alumni Rush Recommendations Sought

Know a young man interested in fraternities coming to Purdue this fall? Please continue to support the perpetuity of our brotherhood by submitting rush recommendations to our Rush Chairmen Greg Burns, John Wirtz II, and Will Parish at rushpurduesigs@gmail.com.

A Great Night of Brotherhood continued ...

significant until a number of years later when he became a Sig himself. Other alumni brothers from several chapters also passed on fond memories and remarks on the importance of Sigma Chi in their lives.

Challenging Career Goals

This year's special guest speaker was Rob Hughes '10. Rob recently relocated to Lafayette, after spending time at a Kansas TV station, and is now WLFI-TV's sports director. So for the locals, Rob has become a familiar face each night as he updates us on the Boilermakers and other local sports teams.

Rob's message to the crowd was to determine what you truly want to do in life and then don't be deterred when things get tough. Rob, while attending Sigma Chi's Horizon's leadership program, made a deci-



Todd Kaminski '82, Ralph Bline '71 and Sam Washburn, Chi Chapter, 1956, share a moment together.

his determination and resolution have allowed him to work in a field he is truly passionate about. Rob also reflected on how one inappropriate slip of the tongue can be a career ending move. Something he almost experienced firsthand.

Many Brothers to Thank

Special thanks go out to all the alumni for taking the time to spend a

rewarding evening with their younger brothers. Also to Alumni Relations Chair Frank Speck '15; Consul Alex Dexeus '15; Kitchen Steward John Hettinga '15; and Jon, Delta Delta's chef, for all they did. Finally special



The active chapter always enjoys hearing from the "Old Grads".

sion to do something with sports, even though he recognized the challenges of making it in sports broadcasting. So as he spoke about the "lean" times as he got started,

special thanks to our guest speaker, Rob Hughes '10, and our remarkable, off-the-cuff MC, Jay Andrew '98, who always seems to know just what to say to keep us entertained.

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Delta Delta Takes Top Purdue Greek Honors

At this year's annual Greek Gala Awards event Delta Delta brothers were recognized as IFC Scholar of the Year, Chapter President of the Year and the recipient of the R.B. Stewart Award as the outstanding fraternity on campus for 2013-2014.

Cagnassola Top Scholar

Andrew Cagnassola '15, a first year pharmacy student, was honored as IFC Scholar of the Year. Drew presently has a 4.0 GPA in Pharmacy School and an overall 3.94 GPA when you include his pre-pharmacy classes.



Drew Cagnassola '15

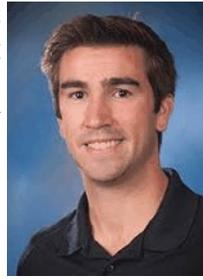
Drew served as Delta Delta's academic chairman, and is involved in the Industrial Pharmacy Club, College Mentors for Kids, Association for Student Pharmacists and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Lafayette Transitional Housing.

Drew remarked, "This award is a great reflection of the heavy emphasis that Sigma Chi places upon academic success. Without the help of my fellow brothers, receiving this award would not have been possible."

Outstanding Chapter President

Gregory Burns '14 was selected

Chapter President of the Year. Greg served as Consul for a one year term beginning November 2012.



Greg Burns '14

As Delta Delta's Consul, Greg contributed significantly to the revisions in the damage deposit process and revamping the chapter's academic policies. Greg also helped coordinate and host several major alumni events including the 100th Anniversary Celebration, and promoted a strong sense of brotherhood. He was also active on several IFC committees and IFC's President's Council. Furthermore, his cumulative GPA remained above 3.5 in Mechanical Engineering.

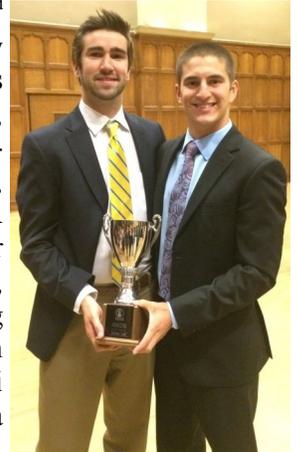
Greg noted, "It means a great deal to me for Delta Delta to receive three of the six awards this year. It not only makes me more proud than ever of the young men we have within our walls here at 202, but reinforces in my mind that the ideals of this Fraternity will not soon be forgotten by the Delta Delta Chapter. I can honestly say that it was a pleasure to be able to serve Delta Delta as Consul. I can only hope that the house learned and grew as much as I did during my term."

Chapter Selected Purdue's Best

The final award given at the Greek Gala was the R.B. Stewart Fraternity Award of Excellence. This honor goes to the fraternity that has ranked highest in brotherhood, academics, alumni relations, philanthropy, social, leadership development, recruitment and chapter pride.

With Delta Delta's increased efforts in philanthropy (ranked 2nd in dollars raised and 3rd

in community service hours completed), its strong academics, (chapter GPA over 3.0 for the first time), and hosting several high profile alumni events, Delta Delta was selected Purdue's outstanding fraternity.



Former Consul Greg Burns (left) and Consul Alex Dexeus with the R.B. Stewart trophy.

Consul Alex Dexeus '15 commented, "This is a great honor to be recognized for all that our chapter has accomplished this past year. I want to thank all the brothers, former Consul Greg Burns, and our alumni, especially our Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew, for all they have done."

Delta Delta Welcomes 20 New Brothers Into Sigma Chi

Congratulations to the newest members of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Brothers in the Classes of 2016 and 2017 were initiated on February 8, 2014. It was a great day and we'd like to thank all the alumni who returned for this event.

Class of 2016

Christopher Gonzales, Terre Haute, IN

Kevin Wissler, Indianapolis, IN

Class of 2017

Jack Cagnassola, Indianapolis, IN
 Mitch Campbell, St. Louis, MO
 Charles Carpenter, Bloomington, IN
 Ross Corcoran, Lafayette, IN
 Jake Davis, Noblesville, IN
 Jim Delaney, Indianapolis, IN
 CJ Johnson, Fishers, IN
 Kyle Johnson, St. Louis, MO

Carson Lorts, Westfield, IN
 Jesse Mudd, Chesterton, IN
 Alex Parisi, Mount Prospect, IL
 Jim Riley, St. Louis, MO
 Scott Sage, Cincinnati, OH
 Rajiv Samagond, Fremont, CA
 Kent Skiles, Zionsville, IN
 Will Todd, Greenwood, IN
 Peter White, Los Gatos, CA
 Kyle Zeisig, Brentwood, TN

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

9th Annual SW Florida Sigma Chi Luncheon

The 9th Annual SW Florida Sigma Chi Luncheon was held on March 1, 2014 at the Royal Poinciana Club in Naples, Florida. It was hosted by Kappa Kappa (Illinois) Sig, Tom Dyke '55.

The brothers and their sweethearts gathered to renew long standing friendships and to enjoy a great meal and afternoon of camaraderie. Following the meal each brother shared a few memories and then enjoyed singing several classic Sig songs.

1942 Blue Formal White Cross

As the brothers serenaded their sweethearts with the *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*, Mary Lee Craig displayed a White Cross necklace that her husband, Stan Craig '43, gave her at the 1942 Blue Formal. Now that is something to cherish.



Delta Delta brothers and sweethearts in attendance included Stan and Mary Lee Craig '43, Fred Jones '46, Dick

Hall '57 and Mary Jo Carr, Bob and D'Arcy Elspeman, Bob and Shirley Puzey '58, Bernie and Mary Sergesketter '58, Jim and Shirley Dora '58, Harry and Melanie Thompson '58, Jim and Denny Baldauf '59, Gary Guertin '59, Joe Bob McCabe '60, Tom Ross '61, Bill and Pat Frey '62, and Bob and Anita Smith '65.



Senior guests Fred Jones '46 and Stan Craig '43.

To view a four minute video on this Delta Delta event go to [2014 Sigma Chi Florida Luncheon](#).

The 10th Annual SW Florida Sigma Chi Luncheon will be held March 14, 2015.

Gavin Philipps '95 has recently moved his family to a new country home on a lake and 40 acres outside of Minneapolis. Gavin invites any Sigs to stop on by at 10685 County Road 24, Watertown, MN 55388. Email: Gavin.Philipps@bsci.com

Tyler Geesaman '12 is part of the Orr Fellow Program that places recent grads with high tech Indiana firms. Each fellow is mentored by a company executive throughout the two year program. Tyler is with Interactive Intelligence in Indianapolis. Email Tyler: tgeesaman@gmail.com.

Your Alumni Brothers Want News From You

Send updates and photos on what's new in your life to Phil Steele at steele202@comcast.net.

Chapter Eternal

"All honor to their names"

A. Dale Michael '49, Pendleton, IN 2013

Jack N. Barnett '53, Gainesville, GA 2013

Jack E. Hubka Jr. '74, Huntley, IL 11-14-13

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Capturing, Recording Delta Delta's History

Delta Delta has many classic traditions and memorable stories that have been told and retold over the years.

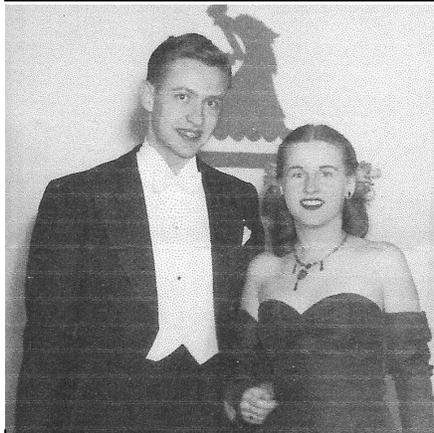
To capture and record these "tales of long ago", Phil Steele '77 is seeking input from all Delta Delta brothers. This endeavor started through the initiative of the Class of '63. With the help of Doug Wilton, Ralph Kuhnert, Bill Vahle, Jim Lopeman, Nick Fritsch, James Latham and others in their class, we started compiling "mostly factual" recollections of major events recalled from the Class of '63's collective memories.

Stories that have been compiled so far include ... ["The 1961 Blue Formal Fire"](#), ["The Great Piano Drop"](#) and the ["Quest of the EX Crest"](#). (You can see these stories by going to the **News and Events** section at www.thesighthouse.com). The Class of '63 is also pulling all the facts together for a story on *"Bowling on the Green (1962/1963)"*. Stories are also in the works on the early years of the Rolling Peanut Pub, and another on Roy C. Slavens.

Help us capture these wonderful memories. Email Phil at Steele202@comcast.net with your ideas.



Many of the House Corp Members and undergrads in attendance at the last meeting gather for an informal photo op. The House Corporation meets regularly to address a wide range of topics related to the upkeep of the chapter house and promoting alumni activities.



Art Strathman '48 wrote, "The picture of the Blue Formal attendees in the Fall Data brought back fond memories. I took Jane Roberts KAT to the 1946 Blue Formal. We were married in June 1949."

24th Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing

Saturday, June 21st
(This is a change from the original date.)

Purdue's Kampen Golf Course

Line up your foursomes
and join us for a great day
of golf and brotherhood.