



Delta Delta Data

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House Corporation Has Busy Summer

As we are often reminded, "There is no rest for the weary". While the undergrads were gone for the summer, the House Corporation has been busy over the months of June, July and August doing routine summer maintenance and taking care of warranty issues following the first year of occupancy in the renovated chapter house. Butch Brose, our Maintenance Director, along with Tim Maloney, coordinated a number of projects.

These included lightly sanding and applying a thicker and hopefully more durable sealer on the Great Hall and Dining Room floors; placing new posts along the front driveway to help prevent vehicles from driving on the front lawn; building a new brick barbecue grill off the front porch; putting a larger refrigerator in the night kitchen; and installing speakers and refinishing the bar top in the Activity Room. Tim also had to deal with the removal of one of our ancient oak trees on the front lawn that finally succumbed to a severe storm.

In addition Butch and Tim followed up on the end of school year check out lists and did any touch up painting and cleaning required for each of the study rooms. All the hallways and bathrooms were also thoroughly cleaned.

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Class of '71 Alumni Golf Outing champions (L-R) Scott McConnell, Larry Nicolet, Dave deHebreard, Ralph Bline, Mike Kuharic, and Steve Thompson.

Sun, Brothers Shine At Alumni Golf Outing

As the time approached for the shotgun start for the 18th Annual Delta Delta Alumni Golf Outing, the weather was not cooperating. Heavy rain and cloudy skies threatened to wash out the annual gathering of Delta Delta golfers. But with a little divine intervention, the sun peaked through five minutes before tee off and it turned into a perfect day for golf and fellowship.

In dramatic fashion a putt off was held to determine this year's winner between the teams from the Class of '71 and Class of '80. Both had carded scores of 11 under on the challenging Battleground Golf Club course. Much to the dismay of the Class of '80, Jim Rush's errant putt left the door wide open for Dave deHebreard to bring home the top prize for the Class of 1971. The Class of '95 took third place.

Dinner, the Award Ceremony, and the Cornerstone Dedication were held back at the renovated Chapter House. For some this was the first visit to the remodeled chapter house, and it received rave reviews thanks to the efforts of Tim Maloney and the undergrads to get it ready.

Following the round of golf the brothers gathered back at the chapter house to enjoy a great steak dinner and take part in the Cornerstone Dedication and

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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 1887

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Consul's Corner Matt Gadus '09

As I was moving into the house for the upcoming semester, I was taken aback at how beautiful the house looked (not that it wasn't before). All of the floors, walls, furniture, and everything else still look brand new. I would like to thank the House Corporation and especially Butch Brose (our Maintenance Coordinator) and Tim Maloney for getting things ready over the summer break.

Four other officers and I attended Balfour Leadership Training Workshop over the summer, and we had a great experience. Our chapter was awarded its 11th straight Peterson Award which goes to the top 15% of all of the chapters. The next longest streak for Petersons won is six in a row. We also got a chance to sit down and layout our plans and goals for the upcoming school year while we were at BLTW. Our main goal for the year is to raise \$5,000 for Derby Days which is quite a bit more than what we have raised the past few years (around \$1,500 a year).

We also received our spring semester grade report which placed us 6th in the Fraternity rankings. Our overall G.P.A. fell only a few hundredths of a point, but it was enough to drop us out of our top ranking from the previous semester. Our goal is to maintain a top 3 to 5 position each semester and demonstrate that Leadership, Scholarship and Brotherhood can coexist at high levels within our chapter.

Currently, we are preparing for Rush which is the most important time of the year for us. We have many great rush events planned, and we are looking forward to bidding a strong new pledge class into our Fraternity. I would like to thank

all of you who sent in rush recommendations to us, and if you have more rush recommendations, please email them to our Recruitment Chairmen, EJ Hunt (ejhunt@purdue.edu).

The chapter is also excited to welcome Jay Andrew '98 as our new chapter advisor. Along with working with me and the other officers, Jay will have a chance to meet all the brothers as he learns more about us. We know Jay will do well, and we want to once again thank Phil Steele '77 for his many years of service to Delta Delta.

And on a final note, I did want to remind all our alumni that the chapter's new website address is purdue-sigs.com. Come check it out if you have any need to contact us.

We look forward to the return of many of our alumni this fall as the Boilermakers strive to make Coach Tiller's final season a memorable one. See you back at 202 Littleton!

Jay Andrew '98 New Chapter Advisor

Consul Matt Gadus '09 announced that the chapter has asked and Jay Andrew '98 has accepted the position as Delta Delta's Chapter Advisor. Jay was active in chapter activities as an undergraduate and is excited to begin working with the chapter and its officers as the new school year begins. Jay comes from a long line of Sigma Chi's starting with his great grandfather Jess Andrew who signed the original Delta Delta charter. Jay's father, Jim; uncle, Jess; and brother, Tom, are all Sigma Chis.

Jay takes over for Phil Steele '77 who stepped down after 16 ½ years as Delta Delta's advisor. Jay has had several meetings with Phil to ensure a smooth transition.

GOING . . . GOING . . . GONE TO POSTERITY

"May those men in the future of our Brotherhood appreciate the tokens of our great House's history and its contribution to all of our lives," noted House Corporation President Harold Force '73 as the sealed bags of Delta Delta historical materials were placed



Going Brothers Jim Dora (L) and Bernie Sergesketter contribute campaign materials to the time capsule at the Alumni Golf Outing.

in the copper liner and inserted into the cornerstone marked "2007". Four days later on July 10th this cornerstone was set in place by a local contractor and sealed for posterity for future generations of Delta Delta brothers.

The process of filling the 2007 Cornerstone began at this year's annual golf outing on June 7th when many alumni brothers gathered back at the renovated chapter house. Prior to dinner, a ceremony was held placing key documents and photographs from the *Campaign to Secure*

the Future of Delta Delta in the cornerstone container. Jim Dora '58 and Bernie Sergesketter '58 placed a complete set of campaign materials into the copper container that would eventually be welded shut and placed into the 2007 cornerstone.

In his remarks, Brother Dora lauded the Building Committee and the exceptional efforts of Harold Force and Tim Maloney. Sergesketter commented about raising the \$7.4 million needed for the project and voiced his appreciation to Phil Steele for providing the outstanding data base and key knowledge of the alumni which were critical to our success. He thanked the Era and Class Leaders, the members of the Campaign and Steering Committees, the undergraduates, the 861 contributors, and Pennington & Company for their excellent advice.

In addition to the campaign materials provided by Bernie and Jim, Ralph Bline compiled other historical items including documents from the 125th Anniversary Celebration, and Delta Delta Datas



Going Brothers (L-R) Tim Maloney, Phil Steele, Ralph Bline and Harold Force place the sealed contents into the time capsule.

highlighting some of our chapter's history. Copies of the contents from the 1912 Cornerstone were also placed with the more recent items. The precious materials for the time capsule were placed in hermetically sealed, chemically stable plastic bags, and inserted into the copper box which was then soldered shut. The



Gone . . . to future generations of Delta Delta Sigs.

copper box was set into the limestone cornerstone which was mounted in the corner of the new chimney adjacent to the patio.

Future chapter house history question. What item was placed in the 2007 Cornerstone that typifies our spirited brotherhood and resounds with every verse of "Come Ye Jolly Kustos"?

Alumni Golf continued

Awards program. Those receiving special recognition were Michael Campbell '68 as our most Distinguished Alumnus, Scott McConnell '71 for traveling the farthest from Wilmington, NC, and the Class of '71 took the honors for having the most participants from a pledge class.

Thanks again go out to the golf committee headed by Bob Burlas for hosting such a great event for the 70 golfers who braved the weather.

This outing continues to be the longest running alumni event held by a Purdue fraternity. We encourage all Sigs to plan now to take part next year.

Brothers Road Trip To New Orleans For Brees Dream Foundation

By Vince Pegan '10

For the second year in a row Delta Delta sent more brothers to New Orleans than any other chapter to take part in the Rebuilding Thru Brotherhood program hosted by the Drew Brees Dream Foundation.

A week after finishing final exams in May, 18 brothers road tripped to New Orleans with hammers in hand. Drew's foundation took care of the lodging and transportation to and from the worksite, while the brothers provided the sweat equity. The homes were part of the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter work project, a neighborhood of Habitat for Humanity homes being built in the upper 9th ward, one of the worst hit areas by Hurricane Katrina. Former president Jimmy Carter even made a stop by the projects, and a few brothers were even able to meet him.

In a weeks time our group was able to help build two houses from only a foundation, to a home ready to be shingled and dry walled. It was truly

a rewarding experience for all those involved.

The trip wasn't all hard work though, as our group was also able to play hard too! Drew treated us to dinner at his favorite restaurant, Drago's, as well as provided tickets to see a New Orleans Hornets playoff game. We also had a chance to check out some of New Orleans famous nightlife.

On behalf of all the undergraduate Delta Delta Sigs who were able to experience New Orleans first hand, we would like to sincerely thank those alumni who donated to this cause. Without your support this amazing week would never have been possible!



Drew Brees '01(center) gives the Delta Delta sign with the 18 brothers who spent a week helping build Habitat for Humanity homes in New Orleans.

The New Orleans' Numbers

885 miles traveled from West Lafayette to New Orleans

18 Delta Delta participants

504 hours of work put in by Delta Delta brothers

2835 dollars raised for the Dream Foundation by Delta Delta alumni and undergrads

29 homes built by the Carter project in New Orleans

Busy Summer continued

House Corp President Harold Force also worked closely with Consul Matt Gadus to define House Corporation expectations for the care and upkeep of the chapter house, and work-



House Corp members (L-R) Tim Maloney, Bob Burlas, Jeff McKean, Guy Thomas, Harold Force, Ralph Bline and Jim Vrugink follow the conversation at a recent meeting.

ing through our new house contract procedures. Harold is also working to update the House Corp's by-laws and determine how best to archive our historic materials. House Corp Treasurer Scott Brenton and Chap-

ter Ques-ter Andy Brown spent long hours this summer compiling accu-

rate financial records and budgets for the coming school year.

Also still fully engaged are Campaign Chairmen Bernie Sergesketter and Jim Dora as they monitor the progress of incoming campaign funds and look to restructure our loan. They are also in the process of announcing a new dues program that will support our alumni relations program as well as build a future cash reserve for chapter house maintenance and scholarships.

And just think the school year is just starting. Our sincere appreciation goes to the House Corp and Butch Brose for keeping our investment in our future brothers well preserved, and the active involvement of the undergraduates in this process.

Delta Delta Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity at Purdue University
House Corporation Annual Meeting
October 25, 2008

Attendees:

Jim Tractman '85*	Pete Clark '58	John Eddy '59*	Dave Poelstra '72*
Jeff Eddy '84	Jim Dora '58*	Ken Kraft '56	Guy Thomas '83*
Bernie Sergesketter '58*	Keith Krach '79	Clayton Force '02	Phil Steele '77*
Bob Elsperman '58	Todd Kaminski '82*	Tim Maloney '74*	Tom Leslie '68*
J.B. Carson '78	Tom Andrew '04	Jim Andrew '71*	Marc Carlson '82
Jay Andrew '98	Bart Burrell '81	Ralph Bline '71	Bob Burlas '86*
Scott Brenton '94*	Jake Henry '96*	David Woodruff '99*	Robert Holloway '79
Matt Gadus '09	Bill Backe '10	Andrew Brown '09	Butch Brose (Maint Dir.)

(*)Denotes House Corporation Member

Call To Order

House Corporation President Harold Force called the annual meeting to order and thanked those present for attending.

Old Business

Harold Force referred to a copy of the 2007 minutes distributed to each person in attendance and asked for approval of these minutes as written. It was moved, seconded and approved.

Finance Committee Report

House Corp. Treasurer Scott Brenton updated the chapter on the current financial status of the House Corp. Scott noted that signed contracts had been received from all live-in brothers, and that 51 of 57 brothers were paid in full. Payment arrangements are in place for the others. Operating procedures for handling security deposits still need to be formalized.

All House Corp., Alumni Relations, Scholarship and Chapter accounts have been consolidated at 1st Source Bank in Lafayette. This allows for consolidated reporting and better oversight of these funds. Our current balance in all accounts is \$201,301 with a remaining reimbursement of \$27,950 due the undergraduates.

Campaign Fund Raising Report

Bernie Sergesketter reported that from the total of \$7.404 million, \$1.809 million was still due from pledges. Early payment of pledges was being encouraged to reduce finance costs. Our loan was refinanced lowering the rate to 6.28%. The Chapter House renovation project has received national recognition from Purdue and Sigma Chi Fraternity as both have run stories in their publications on our campaign.

Legal Committee Report

All corporation paper work is current. Next up: Compiling new House Corporation By-Laws.

Scholarship Committee Report

This committee established procedures and applications for administering the \$2500 scholarships for both the Purdue and Sigma Chi Foundations. 59 brothers received these scholarships in 2008/2009.

House Committee Report

Tim Maloney reported that this group under the guidance of Butch Brose (our Maintenance Director) has continued to work well with the actives and pledges to maintain the chapter house, address warranty issues, and take care of routine repairs and clean up. Over the summer several large projects were undertaken. These included

- Refinishing the Great Hall floor
- Storm water drainage was reworked on the north side of the house
- Guard posts were installed along the edge of the driveway
- Installed new under counter refrigerator in night kitchen
- Reworked the bar countertop and installed new speakers in the Activity Room
- Cleaned, patched and painted student and public rooms as needed
- Removed large tree in front yard damaged by storm

- Built new grill at edge of East Patio

Projects for the coming year are to formalize “check-in and check-out” procedures, put together a House Manager’s Operating Manual, and emphasize the proper performance of wake duties.

Archives Committee Report

Ralph Blaine oversaw the compilation of Delta Delta items placed in the Chapter House 2007 cornerstone. The cornerstone was set in July following the dedication ceremony held at the Alumni Golf outing.

Professional high resolution reproductions were also made of the Delta Delta 1875 charter and the two original McCutcheon prints that were on display in the Library. The originals are now stored in the Archives Room. Ralph also assembled a display of Renovation Project photographs which were displayed at Homecoming. Ralph is also beginning the arduous task of chronicling Delta Delta’s valuable artifacts and memorabilia.

Alumni Relations Committee

Bob Burlas updated everyone on our Alumni Relations activities over the past year. These included

- ☐ Publishing three Delta Delta Datas and sending a Christmas card to all alumni
- ☐ Held 17th annual Brotherhood Dinner with Greg Harbaugh as guest speaker
- ☐ Hosted 18th annual Alumni Golf Outing. 70 brothers participated.
- ☐ Hosted Christmas gathering at Champps in Indianapolis. 20 brothers took part.
- ☐ Hosted Homecoming.
- ☐ Helped arrange and coordinate Greatest Generation Class (1940- 1952) Reunion
- ☐ Held Cornerstone Dedication at annual golf outing

The restructured Alumni Support Program, now the Annual Fund campaign, reported that it had received \$7,252.50 through October 19. The next Annual Fund mailing is scheduled for November.

Chapter Advisor, Faculty Advisor Report

Jay Andrew '98 was introduced as the new Chapter Advisor, and Phil Steele '77 was recognized for his long tenure as the outgoing advisor. Phil was also presented the Philip Bowers Award by Purdue’s IFC as the outstanding chapter advisor in 2007-2008. The many alumni present also honored Phil with a monetary gift to recognize the time and commitment he (and his wife, Cinde) have made to Delta Delta.

The Delta Delta Scholarship fund awarded \$700 to five undergraduates for academic achievement.

Undergraduate Chapter Report

Consul Matt Gadus reported that the chapter had initiated 33 new brothers last spring; that they had 30 members in this year’s pledge class, had received their 11th consecutive Peterson Award at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in August, had ranked 2nd (1st semester) and 6th (2nd semester) academically, had raised the most money for the Drew Brees Challenge, and senior Chris Horney had been selected as the Northern Indiana Province Balfour recipient.

Election of Directors and Officers

The following brothers were elected to 3 year terms as directors of the Delta Delta House Corporation. Ralph Blaine '71, Bart Burrell '81, Scott Renwick '74, Tim Maloney '74, Jake Henry '96, Dave Poelstra '72, and Ray Osborne '69.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Steele '77

Complete Committee Reports and Financial Statements are available upon request from Harold Force at hforce@forceco.com.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

'45 **George Christena** was inducted last spring during Gala Week into Purdue's ROTC Hall of Fame. Congrats can be sent to 21157 Twining Ave., Riverside, CA 92518; georhchristena@alumni.purdue.edu.

'58 **Bernard F. Sergesketter** has been named Interim Chief Executive Officer of Westell Technologies, Inc. until the company identifies a permanent successor following the resignation of its former CEO. Bernie served as a director of Westell from 2000 through his retirement from the Board in September 2007. Prior to that time he served as a director of Teltrend Inc. from 1996 through 2000 when Teltrend was acquired by Westell. Additionally the press release noted that Bernie had had an illustrious 35-year career with AT&T, and served as an officer of AT&T for 18 years.

'86 **Bob Burlas** has taken a new position at Pomeroy IT Solutions, Hebron, KY as their Regional VP and General Manager. Bob and his family will remain in Indianapolis at 12333 Bayhill Dr., Carmel, IN

46033. Bob's new email address is RBurlas@pomeroy.com.

'92 **Dwight Allgood** has moved out west to 5910 S. Watson Ln., Littleton, CO 80123. Email: allgood@ameritech.net.

'93 **G.A. Bernardin** finally got around to announcing the arrival of Guerin IV-last August 12, 2007. He continues to work as a Clinical Psychologist specializing in Behavioral Medicine/Medical Consultation for Behavioral Health Consultants. G4, Jenny, Denver (our Great Pyrenees/lab mix) and G.A. still live @ 13105 Appaloosa Chase Dr., Austin, TX 78732. Email GBernardin@austin.rr.com

'94 **Todd Jensen** has a new home at 9895 Lakewood Dr., Zionsville, IN 46077. Todd can be reached at t-m-jensen@comcast.net.

'94 **Scott Shelton** has been promoted to General Manager, Operations for NVR Inc. Scott and his wife are relocating to 20999 Highland Creek Dr., Leesburg, VA 20175. sshelton@nvrinc.com.

'99 **Scott Liffick** has relocated to the Windy City. His new address is 727 S. Dearborn St., Apt. 611, Chicago, IL 60605. Email: liffick_sa@hotmail.com.

'04 **Brett Hummer** and wife, Traci, and "one on the way" now reside at 54839 Cheyenne Meadows Dr., Osceola, IN 46561. Brett says "It's going to be a boy and is due at the same time the Boilers are whipping up on Notre Dame". Brett hopes to be settling down as he begins his new law practice. Brett's email is BHummer@MayLorber.com.

'04 **Ben Harris** tied the knot with Laura Binkley on July 26 with a large group of his Sigma Chi pledge brothers present. The newly weds will set up house at 36 Mercer St., Boston, MA 02127. Congrats can be sent to ben.g.harris@gmail.com.

Alumni NewsNotes Needed

Send in news on new jobs, births, moves, promotions, vacations by filling in the form on Page 5 or emailing your news updates to steele202@comcast.net.

FOR ALUMNI UPDATES AND PLEDGE CLASS INFORMATION GO TO 202LITTLETON.COM

Please update your contact information including email address by logging on to the Alumni website.

YOUR CLASSMATES WANT NEWS FROM YOU! Please use this form to pass along current news about yourself, your family, or other chapter members you have seen or heard from. Feel free to include a photo. What's News? Engagements, Weddings, Births, Deaths, New Jobs, New Homes, Promotions, Fraternity functions.

NAME: _____ Class Year: _____

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Please return to: Sigma Chi, c/o Chapter Editor, P.O. Box 1085 Lafayette, IN 47902-1085.

George Ade Remembered By Wandering Brother

Jim Chapin '68 recently visited George Ade's home "Hazelden" that sits beside the Iroquois River three miles west of Brook, IN along State Road 16. It's a picturesque site that has been preserved to reflect Ade's years at his beloved home. Tours are available, but need to be arranged ahead of time.

Following this stop, Jim headed west and turned south on Highway 41 and drove through Kentland, birthplace and boyhood hometown of George Ade. Jim notes that he had read that Ade had chosen to be buried in the Ade family plot in the Kentland City cemetery south of town. Less than a mile out of town Jim could barely see, rising above the cornfield, the tops of a few tall tombstones. The Ade family grave site is visible upon entering the gated cemetery. Arranged in a semi-circle around the massive Ade monument are the individual Ade family members grave stones with George's in the center. Each stone lists only the individual's name, year of birth and

year of death. Jim was surprised not to find any marker or stone inscription documenting Ade's accomplishments, philanthropic endeavors, honors, and the organizations that he devoted his life to. Ade $\Delta\Delta$ 1887, along with his life long support of Delta Delta, also served as Sigma Chi's 14th Grand Consul from 1909 to 1911.



Ade gravesite in Kentland, Indiana

Jim reflected as he stood at Ade's gravesite about how many Sigma Chis had visited this site, and he wished he had brought a single white rose for his grave. Brother Ade died on May 16, 1944 at age 78. All Honor To His Name.

Chapter Eternal

All Honor to their names.

Charles Spangler, '35, Topanga, CA, 10-31-07

Marcum J. Schneider '44, Davidson, NC, 4/11/08

George L. Mihal '47, Carmel, IN, 12/07

R. Duncan '48, Ft. Wayne, IN, 2008

John D. Stevenson '50, Martinsville, IN, 5-16-08

Charles W. Strubel '55, Indianapolis, IN, 8-08-08

Charles W. Strubel '55

Charles W. Strubel '55 entered Chapter Eternal on August 8 at the age of 75. He was living in Indianapolis where he continued to be active in the community. Brother Strubel's grandson, Dan Delaney '08, noted that "Sigma Chi was a huge portion of his life and in cleaning out his condo we found several items from his times at Sigma Chi. He fought the good fight and finished his work and he truly added new luster to the White Cross".

PLAN NOW TO RETURN TO DELTA DELTA FOR HOMECOMING 2008 OCTOBER 25

Reunion Classes contact Alumni Relations Chairman Payton Turner (pturner@purdue.edu). Come join the brothers at the Chapter House for pre-game festivities and the annual House Corporation meeting.

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