



Delta Delta Data

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McCabe '60 Enters Purdue Hall of Fame

Joe McCabe '60 was one of nine former athletes to be inducted into Purdue's Intercollegiate Hall of Fame on September 9, 2016.

Stellar Baseball Career

Joe was a three year varsity letter winner for the Purdue baseball team. Over the course of Joe's 81 game career he played in every inning as a catcher, infielder and outfielder. Joe was team captain during his senior season and his .423 batting average that year still stands as the highest wooden-bat average in school history. He was named first-team All-Big Ten, NCAA All-District and team MVP for the 1960 season.

Joe signed with the Washington Senators in 1960 and played in the Major Leagues with both the Minnesota Twins and Washington Senators in 1964 and 1965.

Joe remarked. "I was lucky enough to play on a very good team at Purdue, and I was honored to be named MVP. We had six guys on that team who signed professional contracts. That's an honor right there."

Moving On to Greater Heights

During the off-season, Joe would take flying lessons and in 1966 he became a pilot for Pan Am Airlines. Through his 35 year career with Pan Am he served as captain on 12 different
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Greatest Generation Sigs at Sigma Chi Headquarters (L-R) inset: Larry Fricke '48, John Guthrie '49, Laddie Hutar '47, Les Duryea '48, Gerald Hines '46, Scott Haynes '47 and Al Menke '44.

Greatest Generation Sigs Hold Reunion

To be invited to this exclusive gathering of Delta Delta brothers it was required that you be at least 90 years old. Arranged by Scott Haynes '47, seven Delta Delta brothers from the classes of 1944 to 1949 met in Chicago on May 31st for a one day celebration of over 70 years of brotherhood and to pay tribute to their many classmates who had entered Chapter Eternal.

Special Band of Brothers

Brother Haynes worked diligently to locate those brothers of the Greatest Generation. He noted that there were approximately 20 brothers of this era still alive. Seven, Gerald Hines '46, Al Menke '44,

Laddie Hutar '47, Scott Haynes '47, Les Duryea '48, Larry Fricke '48, and John Guthrie '49, returned to share in many fond memories.

All Were World War II Veterans

With all of the attendees being World War II veterans each brother's personal story included time away from Purdue when they were on active duty. Scott Haynes commented that after his freshman year he went into the Army and served in the 11th Armored Division, 42nd Tank Battalion, and fought at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. He then returned to Purdue following the war as did all the other brothers in this group.
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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 Rajiv Samagond '17

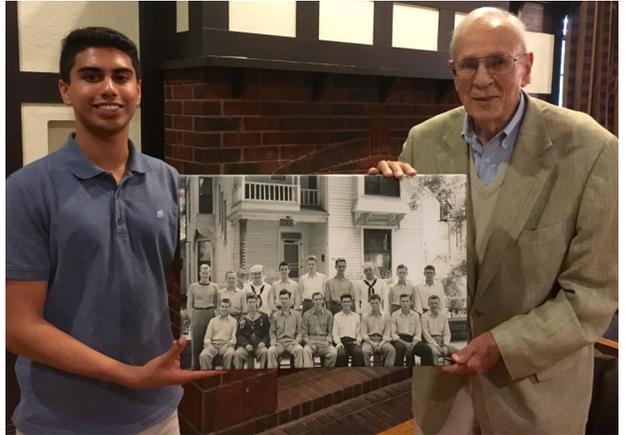
The brothers returned to 202 Littleton in great spirits after their summer break. We are looking forward to a rewarding year and one of significant accomplishments.

In July we held our annual Summer Rush function at the home of Jake Davis where we grilled out and met over 20 men interested in Sigma Chi.

Upon our return to campus our rush/recruitment activities were in full swing. Following a busy three weeks of rush events we now have 37 new pledges joining us. Our Alumni Rush event was again a big success. Alumni who took part in this event were Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jay Andrew '98, Dave Omholt '92, Brandon Cortez '11 and Greg Burns '15. We'd like to recognize our Recruitment Chairmen C.J. Johnson, Jake Davis and Spencer Meredith for all their hard work.

This new pledge class will be the first to go through Sigma Chi's mandated eight week Preparation for Brotherhood program. To accommodate this new program we have expanded our Post Initiation Training to cover material on our chapter and campus information. We are working hard as a chapter, and with the support of our alumni advisors, to retain Delta Delta's values and properly prepare these new members.

The end of July found eight Delta Delta brothers attending the Bal-four Leadership Training Workshop held at Bowling Green University in Ohio. We had a chance to begin putting together our plans for 2016-2017 in the areas of schol-



Al Menke '44 (right) presents Consul Rajiv Samagond with a photo of the Sigmas who lived on Waldron Street when the Sig house was used to house military trainees sent to Purdue during WWII.

arship, philanthropy, campus involvement and community service. We were one of 86 (out of over 225) chapters to receive the Peterson Significant Chapter award for our accomplishments this past year.

Earlier this month the chapter had a surprise visit from Gary Rawlings, Sigma Chi's Director of Alumni Engagement, and Allen Menke '44. They toured the house and presented the chapter with a special canvas portrait of the Waldron Street Sigs. It will be hung in the Scott Haynes '47 Presentation Room.

Last semester we held our first two Fireside Chats using our new video presentation equipment. This allows alumni to speak to the chapter from the comfort of their own homes. We are planning more of these "chats" in the coming months. We have benefited and enjoyed the two way conversations with our alumni. Any brother who would like to take part should contact me at rajiv@samagond.com.

We encourage alumni to visit the chapter for any home football game. Reunion classes are welcome to use the chapter house to hold gatherings. Just let us know you are coming.

Champions Double Down at 26th Alumni Golf Outing



Golf Outing Champions from the Class of '71: Mike Kuharic, Jim Smith, Scott McConnell, Larry Nicolet, Dave Dehebreard and Steve Thompson

Not only are they good enough to beat golfers of their own era, but the Class of '71 team of Scott McConnell, Jim Smith, Mike Kuharic, Phil Dehebreard, Ken Thompson and Larry Nicolet also took it to the younger guys and captured both

the Overall and Senior Champion plaques at the 26th Annual Alumni Golf Outing held on June 11.

The champs finished 12 under par, one stroke ahead of the teams from the Class of '80/'77/'83 of Jim MacDonald, Jay Smith, Mike Spooner and Steve Cosler and the Class of 95's Craig Johnson, Eric Morgan and Brian Griffiths.

Purdue's New Pete Dye Course
All the brothers had a great time playing the newly revamped Ackerman-Allen Purdue course

that had just been opened. The Pete Dye designed course added some distance and a couple of new holes. Overall it was a perfect day for golf and sharing time with the bros.

Brothers Recognized
The Class of '77 won the Class Participation award with 12 brothers attending, with the always steady Class of '68 returning nine pledge brothers. Ryan Wilson '99 from Hercules, CA was recognized for traveling the farthest to join us. Closest to the Pin honors went to Larry Nicolet '71 and Mike Spooner '80; and Dave Nussmeier '77 had the longest drive.

Thanks To All Who Contributed
Brian Griffith '95 with the assistance of Craig Johnson '95 did a nice job of putting the outing together. A special thank you to Rick Taylor '95, for donating the shirts for the second year.

Greatest Generation

Chicago Architectural Tour Showcases Brother Hines' Work
The full day reunion started with an architectural tour of Chicago led by Gerald Hines' granddaughter. During their bus tour they had a chance to see several of Gerald's many impressive building projects.

Sigma Chi Headquarters Tour
The afternoon found these intrepid spirits at Sigma Chi Headquarters in Evanston where they toured the new Museum, were given the Sigma Chi Military Service Recognition pin by Mike Church, Executive Secretary, and Ashley Woods, President of the Sigma Chi Foundation.

Each guest also had the opportunity to reflect on the role Sigma Chi has played in their lives. John Falconer '35 (our oldest living Consul at 101 years old) sent a letter to the group noting how he was present in spirit,

even though his health did not allow him to attend.

Dinner at the Willis Tower
Bernie Sergesketter '58 (who is not 90 years old) and his wife, Mary, arranged dinner for the Sigs at the Metropolitan Club on the 67th Floor of the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower, where everyone had a marvelous view of Chicago. Bernie commented, "Ages of the brothers ranged from 90 to 94. It was wonderful to see how strong their brotherhood remained so many years following graduation."

One Last Toast
With one final toast to their fond memories of their pledge brothers who had gone before them, this illustrious band of brothers rose, shook hands, and said their good byes, perhaps for the final time. Showing all of us that the bond of friendship and brotherhood is truly one of lifelong duration.



Joe McCabe '60

Joe McCabe continued

types of aircraft. Joe received the professional pilot's Award of Merit for his service to the airline industry.

Brother McCabe joins a number of well recognized Delta Delta brothers in Purdue's Hall of Fame including Keith Carter '49, Bob Griese '67, Dave Schellhase '66, Hank Stram '45, Mark Herrmann '81, Bob DeMoss '49, Jim Everett '86, Paul Hoffman '47 and Drew Brees '01.

Joe and Anita reside in Naples, FL.

Grand Prix Team Takes Home the Hardware

Once again Delta Delta proved to be a factor in the 2016 Grand Prix race held on April 23rd. With two karts in the race both Sig teams had to overcome mechanical problems before and during the race, but when the checkered flag fell, the Sig karts took home some impressive hardware.

The #99 Kart driven by rookie Spencer Meredith placed 13th in the qualification trials, while the #9 Kart driven by Nick Hale did not make it through the trials due to a broken crankshaft. Forced to qualify through the sprint race the #9 kart won the sprint race and started the main race in the 28th spot.

During the 160-lap endurance race, Nick aggressively fought his way through the pack, moving up from his starting spot at 28th to drive the

#9 kart to 5th place. The #99 kart had its clutch go out, sending the team home for the day.

Nick by moving from 28th to 5th place received the **Hardest Charger Award**. The Sigma Chi #9 crew received the **Stoops Crew Award** given to the team with the greatest sense of comradery and commitment.

New Garage Really Helps

Nate attributed the close team work and active participation by the brothers to the new Grand Prix garage. Having a state-of-the-art facility right outside our door made it much easier to work on the karts and the Grand Prix teams received



L-R: Driver Nate Hall and Crew Chief Spencer Owen with the trophies from this year's Grand Prix race.

a lot of encouragement from brothers just coming by to see how things were progressing.

Alums Get Front Row Seat to Rush Event

The annual Alumni Rush Event has increasingly become the top drawing recruitment activity for Delta Delta. At this gathering of 150 plus rushees and brothers, a select group of alumni take center stage and talk about their Sigma Chi experience.

This year's slate of alumni participants included Greg Burns '15, Brandon Cortez '11, Jay Andrew '98, Dave Omholt '92 and Bernie Sergesketter '58. Each of these brothers took their turn to address the audience and shared their unique perspectives on how Sigma Chi had impacted their lives. All of them reflected on the close friendships they had established and how being a Sigma Chi was a lifelong commitment.



Alumni (L-R) Bernie Sergesketter '58, Jay Andrew '98 and Greg Burns '15, speak to the rush candidates.

Our younger alumni, Greg Burns '15 and Brandon Cortez '11, both remarked how being a Sigma Chi had already led to career opportunities, and how much they enjoyed being part of their pledge brothers lives through weddings, job changes and visiting each other.

Chapter Advisor Jay Andrew '98 emphasized the need for "balance"

and the importance of academics, campus and community involvement, being engaged with your chapter, and, yes, even having some fun.

Dave Omholt '92, using Delta Delta's new video conferencing equipment, spoke about his days as Rush Chairman, Consul and has the captain of the Purdue baseball team.

Bernie Sergesketter '58 highlighted the commitment of so many brothers during the renovation campaign, and the chapter's emphasis on leadership, scholarship and brotherhood. He also spoke about how important "retaining the spirit of youth" had been for him.

When the guests were asked, "What did you think of the alum's comments?" several remarked that the stories of how important Sigma Chi was after graduation was something they had not considered. For those in the audience who receive bids, hearing an alumnus' perspective may be just what it takes to inspire them to be future leaders at Delta Delta.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ... ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ...

David Mead '52 entered Chapter Eternal on June 9th on his 86 birthday. At Purdue Brother Mead obtained a BS degree in Agriculture and served as Consul for the chapter. After graduating Dave attended Navy Officer Candidate School and served in the Pacific near the end of the Korean War, and then at various Navy bases for the next 3 years. He remained in the Naval Reserves for nearly 40 years and retired as a captain.



David Mead '52

Dave started his business career in Twin Falls, ID in 1957 and spent the next 33 years in the banking business. Dave's passion for his community and state led to his involvement in many civic organizations and his recognition for leading many groups.

He was recognized as "A Most Influential Person," a Distinguished Citizen, the Forest Service 75th anniversary award, and the Lifetime

Achievement award by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce. In 2005 he was inducted into the Purdue ROTC Hall of Fame.

Dave and his wife, Marty, had six children and enjoyed mountaineering, hiking, farming and the family cabin in the Sawtooths. All honor to his name.

Dan Kirk '52, who served Delta Delta as Chapter Advisor in the 1970's, entered Chapter Eternal on August 22.

Brother Kirk received his B.S. in Pharmacy in 1952 and he served in the Army at Walter Reed Medical Center. He worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette as a pharmacist. Dan served his community, fraternity and church admirably for many years. All honor to his name.

More Alumni and Undergrad Photos, Stories Online

For more photos and details on all our stories in this newsletter visit the Delta Delta website and the [Alumni News and Events](#) pages. There are great alumni and undergrad stories you'll enjoy reading.

Hall '49 Makes Major Bequest to Delta Delta

Robert Hall, Jr. '49, who entered Chapter Eternal on May 8, 2016, made a generous bequest to the Sigma Chi Foundation to benefit Delta Delta. We'd like to thank the Hall family for their generosity and support.

Brother Hall's donation included \$10,000 to the Future Fund and a substantial contribution to the Delta Delta Scholarship Fund.

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

Daniel Kirk '52, Pensacola, FL
August 22, 2016

David Mead '52, Twin Falls, ID
June 9, 2016

Robert McClow '52, Glen Ellyn, AZ
May 3, 2016

John Bray '58, Glendale, AZ
October 27, 2015

Jim Dora '58, Indianapolis, IN,
June 27, 2016

Leo Helmuth '59, Fremont, IN
December 2015

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White Rose Ceremony Held For Brother Dora

Order of Constantine, Significant Sig and Sigma Chi Hall of Fame brother Jim Dora '58 entered Chapter Eternal on June 27, 2016.

Brother Dora was laid to rest in a very special way. Jim's Wake was attended by about 500 people. The White Rose Ceremony was conducted at the Wake, led by Past Grand Consul Dick Hester. There were sixty Sigs who participated, and they included brothers from the Purdue, Indiana, Butler, and Ball State Chapters. Jim's closest friend, pledge brother Bernie Sergesketter '58 spoke to the crowd about Jim's remarkable life.

Brother Sergesketter highlighted Jim's great love for his family, Delta Delta, Sigma Chi, Purdue and those who worked for him.

Bernie also recounted Jim's many accomplishments and the impact he had had on so many people. Often doing so quietly in the background and taking no credit.



Jim Dora '58

Following the church service the next day, the funeral procession of

vehicles was escorted on the six-mile journey to the cemetery by about ten members of a special motorcycle unit of the Indianapolis Police Force. Cars on the opposite side of the street stopped as the procession passed. Six of the policemen were standing at attention, next to their bikes and in their crisply pressed uniforms, when the procession entered the cemetery grounds.

It was an impressive site and fitting tribute to a very special brother. All honor to his name.



Bart Burrell '81, Frank D'Eramo, former Purdue Head Football Coach Jim Young and Mark Herrmann '81 (all Sigs) congratulate Jim on his induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

Homecoming 2016

Saturday, October 15th

Homecoming Activities

8:30 House Corp Meeting

9:00 Coffee/Juice/Bagels/Rolls

(Come hang out at Delta Delta)

10:00 Significant Sig Presented to Patrick Loehrer '75

12:00 Purdue-Iowa Kickoff