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Class of '58 Brothers and Sweethearts (L-R) Jane Clark, John Sand, Bernie Sergesketter, Kurt Vahle, Mary Sergesketter, Bob Puzey, Shirley Puzey, Pete Clark, Sandy Vahle, Chery Sand, George Morton, Nancy Morton, Doug Streff, Melanie Thompson and Harry Thompson

Chapter House Gets Summer Facelift

It has been 11 years since the renovation of the Chapter House and it was time to refresh a number of the public rooms and the exterior of the chapter house. Led by Butch Brose '09 there was a long, long list of significant improvements made this summer to the academic wing (Library, study rooms), Great Hall, Dining Room and the exterior of the house.

It has been through the generosity of many of our alumni brothers that resources are available to make major improvements. This ensures that our chapter house is an attractive, safe place to live that inspires and welcomes future generations of Delta Delta Sigs.

The improvements made this summer cost close to \$80,000. **See Summer Makeover Page 5**

Reunions Hold Special Memories

It was great to see so many brothers return this fall for their class reunions. Several classes returned on Homecoming weekend, while a couple of classes held special reunions on non-football weekends. Four of these groups honored members of their classes with their Significant Sig plaques.

Top honors went to the **Class of '58** who returned for their 60th reunion. Led by Bernie Sergesketter the 10 brothers and their Sweethearts made the return to Purdue and 202 Littleton St. This group met and started their weekend with a tour of Purdue's campus with a stop at the Krach Leadership Center. They then arrived at Delta Delta where they held a remembrance of their pledge

brother, Jim Dora, Sr. Following their lunch in the Dining Room, Bernie presented Joe McCabe '60 with his Significant Sig award. The group also recognized Don Trieschman '58, on his Character in Action award from the International Fraternity. They concluded their visit with a tour of George Ade's home in Brook, IN.

The **Class of 1968** returned for their 50th reunion **See Reunions**



Class of '68 (L-R) Larry McMillan, Bob Kaley, Hank Suerth, Stence White, Tom Leslie, Row 2: Arnie Breidenbaugh, Stu Stock, Mike Campbell, Jim Maggart, Frank Hughes, Rod Wendt, Ken Schutte, Don Bowers, Jim Chapin



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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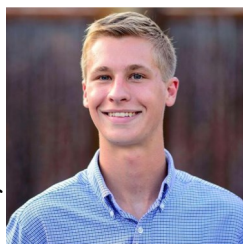
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Consul's Corner Bryce Cirbo '19

The Chapter has had a busy and successful fall semester and continue to strive for excellence both within our chapter and as leaders in our community.

We have continued to place a strong emphasis on giving back to the community since raising a chapter record \$21,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation as part of Sigma Chi's annual Derby Days events held in the Spring. This year's newly elected Derby Days chairs Seth Gutwein, David Kratzman, and Austin Foote are confident in a goal of \$50,000 to be raised between now and April



Ben Harmon '21

2019. The motivation behind these efforts over the past two years comes from our brother Ben Harmon '21 who entered Chapter Eternal this July after a two-year battle with Ewing Sarcoma. This year's Sigma Chi Derby Days fundraising will support the 80 million-dollar expansion to the Huntsman Cancer Center to provide 50 additional patient rooms and a new research wing for women's cancers.

Brother Matt Wightman rallied 15 brothers to volunteer to help out at Purdue's half marathon. Matt also organized volunteers to run other community events such as Lafayette Urban Ministry's Hunger Hike. Brother Ben Sons is gearing up to coordinate our annual Jubilee Christmas where we will host 20 underprivileged families from

Lafayette, provide a selection of gifts/food/blankets for their family, help them wrap presents, and spread the Christmas spirit!

Returning from summer break, the undergraduate brothers were greeted with several updates to the chapter house thanks to the hard work of the Housing Corporation: notably long summer hours by Butch Brose '09. With 65 brothers living in the house this semester, the chapter house is filled almost to capacity and functioning well.

There were many great alumni visits this semester, including reunions of Delta Delta '58, '68, '78, '83, '88 and '93. Several of the undergraduate brothers had the opportunity to take part in John Stone '78's Significant Sig presentation conducted by his pledge class at Homecoming. Homecoming was a great success as many of the Annual Fund contributors and their families were able to see all of the great updates to the chapter house that took place over the summer. The chapter house continues to be a great place to live thanks to the generosity of Delta Delta alumni.

It is always a pleasure to hear from Delta Delta alumni who take time to visit the chapter house.

This fall David Omholt '92 held a Fireside Chat and spoke about his Purdue and Sigma Chi experience. We are so fortunate to have such an impressive and engaged alumni network that give back to the chapter.



Dave Omholt '92

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Class Reunions continued

and arranged, in what has become their tradition, to hold their big Saturday night affair at Hazelden, the home of George Ade in Brook, Indiana. With 21 classmates and 15 Sweethearts in attendance the event at Ade's home was special as each of the brothers shared a special memory. They also presented Ken Schutte with his Significant Sig award.

The night before most of the returnees met for dinner at McGraw's and enjoyed a great meal and reminiscing of their long ago college days. On Saturday morning they visited the chapter house to see the recent renovations and took time to tour some of the new places on campus.

The **Class of '78** had a strong contingent return to celebrate their 40th Reunion. The brothers and wives started their weekend with dinner at the 501 Bistro in Lafayette.

The highlight of the first evening was presenting John Stone '78 with his Significant Sig award. Greg Harbaugh spoke of John's accomplishments and commitment to Sigma Chi before presenting John with his Significant Sig plaque. John addressed the audience and remarked on how choosing one path over another eventually led to his successful career in the semi-conductor industry.

On Saturday this group enjoyed the Sigma Chi tailgate before heading to the football game, followed by pizza at Bruno's. Sounds like a great way to celebrate 40 years of brotherhood.

The **Class of '83** took an informal approach to their 35 year reunion, as they all met at one of Lafayette's newest craft beer restaurants, Teays River Brewing, on Friday evening. This spirited group had a great time catching up with their PB's.

This pledge class also recognized one of their pledge brothers, Marc Carl-

son, with his Significant Sig plaque. Dave Westerbeck noted Marc's accomplishments and Keith Krach '79, who has worked with Marc for years, took the opportunity to share some stories and remark on Marc's generosity and support of Sigma Chi.

On Saturday they all headed for the Sig tailgate and football game before ending the weekend with one more beer at the Sig house.

A number of the **Class of '88** also met at Teays River Brewing and took advantage of pledge brother Jon Hodges' hospitality. Jon is one of the owners of Teays River and he made sure all the Sigs that stopped by were well taken care of. This group continued their 30th Reunion get together at the Sig tailgate prior to heading to the game where they cheered on the Boilermakers to victory.

25 years can pass pretty quickly as the **Class of '93** learned while they reminisced at the chapter house during their 25 Year Reunion. This group started with dinner at Nine



Class of '78 (L-R) Row 1: JB Carson, Steve McKnight, Greg Harbaugh, Bob Perry Row 2: Bob Keagy, Dan Montgomery, Greg Cislak, Jim Stevens, Doug Hull, Larry Prahin, Bruce Petit, Steve Schliefarth and John Stone



Class of '83 (L-R) Brian Holtz, Paul Hadley, Keith Krach '79, Dan Inlow, Marc Carlson, David Westerbeck, Mike Liesman, Guy Thomas, David Steele and Matt Freije



Class of '93 (L-R) Dan Walbaum, Andy Swallender, Tom Schorr, Brad Muehlbauer, Matt Emmert, John Coombs and GA Bernardin

Irish Brothers before heading to the chapter house. Saturday the Class of '93 attended the Sig tailgate and football game. Dinner at Bruno's followed before they called it an early night. Yes, getting older will do that to you.

New Venture Enhances Fraternity Recruitment

Fraternity rush continues to grow more challenging as the time allocated for recruitment becomes less and those interested in joining Sigma Chi and other top fraternities grows. So when Delta Delta needed a way to improve the compilation and distribution of recruitment information to all the brothers, they asked Matt Twardowski '19 if he could create a website that would help recruitment chairs keep an organized list of every rushee and their photo.

Matt created a website called "theRushBook" that let the recruitment chairs organize the list of rushees, as well as let brothers quickly find a recruit, leave some feedback on the conversation they had with them, and then show their interest through either a like or a dislike. Delta Delta was the first chapter to use "theRushBook", but word quickly

spread and three other chapters ended up using the program at Purdue.

At that point Matt felt like his idea could appeal to fraternities at other universities.

Matt Twardowski '19
So in October 2016, he started GreekRow with the help of two other Sigs, Rajiv Samagond and CJ Johnson.

Matt remarked, "Every university is unique, and we wanted to build a platform that can be customized to fit the needs of any chapter and also those of the university's administra-



tion. We're confident we've built that platform and can expand GreekRow to all Greek organizations including sororities and co-ops. Our main focus currently is driving up sales and promoting GreekRow in new ways."

Jackson Dumas, the Recruitment Chairmen for Sigma Chi at Michigan stated, "In the time I've been in this chapter, GreekRow has been the best logistical tool added to our recruitment process. The ability to quickly sift through recruits with ease saved our recruitment chairmen countless hours. GreekRow is a tool that proved to be invaluable here at Michigan."

Matt will graduate in December with a Computer Science degree and a Certificate of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Want to learn more? Contact Matt Twardowski at (224)-425-2574 or www.greekrow.online.

Summer Makeover continued

Thanks to all our alumni who contributed. For more information on how you can contribute to the Annual Fund visit the Delta Delta website at www.thesighouse.com.

Chapter House Updates

Great Hall

Hardwood floors sanded and restained

New carpeting

Couches and benches reupholstered

Coffee table refinished

Dining Room

Hardwood floors sanded and restained

Academic Wing

All walls painted

New carpeting in breakout room, presentation room and halls

LVT tile placed on stair steps from

Academic wing to Great Hall

Significant Sig and Order of Constantine plaques set in oak track

Display cabinets updated with historical items

ical items

Peterson plaque with "award years listed" added in Break Out room

Chapter Balfour nominee plaque updated with undergrad names

Library

New carpeting installed

Walls painted

Lahr Hotel large table top refinished

Couch reupholstered

New study table, end tables purchased

Chapter House Exterior

Repaired lintel above Academic Wing window

Complete exterior of chapter house painted

Entrance foyer repainted

Parking lot sealed and restriped

To see many more photos of the updates go to News & Events, Alumni at www.thesighouse.com.



The Great Hall floors were sanded and restained with new carpet and reupholstered furniture.



The Library was completely refurbished with new carpeting, paint and furniture.

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Class of '73 Celebrates 45 Years of Brotherhood



Class of '73: (L-R) John Harrison, Denis Cyrus, Tom Martin, Dave True, Mark McClure, Fred Coon, Brad Black, Bill Gurry and Harold Force.

It was February of 1970 when a group of 19 very young men decided to make their Purdue "home" together at 202 Littleton Street. On August 2 – 5, thirteen of these Pledge Brothers and their Sweethearts celebrated their 45th year as Delta Delta of Sigma Chi alumni at the Double 4 Ranch of pledge brother Dave True near Wheatland, WY.

From the minute that the PBs began to arrive, the years seemed to vanish as incredibly close friendships were instantly rekindled. There was lots of catching up to do, and everyone seemed to pitch in with helping Mel True with the tasks of hosting a group of nearly thirty people.

Energies were fueled by cold 16 oz. cans of Boiler Gold, and the incredible enthusiasm of our being together

again. Old, well-worn jokes and nicknames were new and laughable once again. Stories and tall tales were verified or contested. Most of all, everyone felt good about being together.

With more than 80,000 acres where the buffalo

roam and the deer and antelope play (seriously!) at our disposal, we spent much of two days exploring the Double 4 and adjacent areas on ATVs, logging nearly 75 miles in the process. We clawed our way up Black Mountain and climbed up to a Forest Service fire watch tower. Some of us enjoyed trout finishing and canoeing in the East Laramie River.

We explored miles of trails in high mountain pastures, and picnicked where forests had been devastated in the draught and Fire of 2012.

The Sigma Chi and Purdue flags flew proudly overhead throughout out gathering, as symbols of the bonds which were forged nearly fifty years ago and which remain strong to this day.

Class of '83 Honors Purdue All-American

The Class of '83, through the efforts of Joel Hammond '83, honored the memory of Bernie Flowers by naming a locker in the new Purdue football complex in his honor.

Bernie Flowers, the father of Kerry Flowers '83, was a consensus first team All-American who played end for the Boiler-makers from 1950 – 1952.



In his senior year Flowers set school records with 43 receptions for 603 yards and seven touchdowns. This helped lead Purdue to a share of the Big Ten Conference title in 1952.

Bernie Flowers was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003. For a look at the new locker room go to

<https://bit.ly/2Pl09wX>.

Chapter Eternal

"All honor to their names"

Allen Menke '44, Evanston, IL
August 2018

Edwin Marshall '46, Santa Barbara, CA
June 2018

John Finley '54, Bethesda, MD
July 29, 2017

YOUR CLASSMATES WANT NEWS FROM YOU!

Engagements, Weddings, Births, Deaths, New Jobs, New Homes, Promotions, Fraternity functions.
Send details and photos to be included in the Delta Delta Data.

Include your name, class year, email address and details and photos of your event or activity.

Email News Notes to Phil Steele at steele202@comcast.net

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Keith Krach, '79 (fourth from right), alongside members of his family, was honored with a resolution renaming Sigma Chi's annual Leadership Training Workshop as the Krach Transformational Leaders Workshop effective in 2019. The Sigma Chi Foundation announced an endowment-level lead gift by Krach that will perpetuate the event for decades to come.

More Alumni/Undergrad Photos, Stories Online

For more photos and details on all our stories in this newsletter visit the Delta Delta website www.thesighouse.com and the [Alumni News and Events](#) pages.

There are many great alumni and undergrad stories you'll enjoy reading.

Alumni Updates Are Always Needed

Send Alumni News Updates to Phil Steele: steele202@comcast.net.

Sig Rewards Employee in Big Way

When Luke Marklin '07, who is the CEO of Bellhops Moving, learned that one of his newest employees was willing to walk 20 miles to work on his first day just to prove his dedication, Luke knew he had to find a big way to thank him.

The day before Walter Carr started work as a mover at Bellhops moving company his 2003 Nissan Altima broke down. Unable to secure a ride from his friends, Walter started his 20-mile trek around midnight. He made it about 14 miles when police officers stopped him on the side of

the road around 4 a.m. After hearing his story, the officers took him to breakfast at Whataburger, drove him to a church to rest and said they would send someone to check on him. A short time later, another police officer pulled up and gave Carr a ride to the home where he was assigned to work. Luke learned of Walter's efforts when his story went viral on Facebook.

Luke drove to Alabama to thank Walter and decided to give him his personal Ford Escape. Luke said he was impressed by Carr's determina-

tion. "I don't think Walter was ever going to let not having a car get him down," Luke commented.



After hearing that Walter Carr walked nearly 20 miles to work overnight, Bellhops CEO Luke Marklin gifted him his personal Ford Escape. (Photo: Kyle Miller/Greg Corradino)