

Delta Delta Data

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Four Delta Delta Brothers Named Significant Sigs

The 2022 Class of Significant Sigs included four Delta Delta brothers Jim Lopeman '63, Stan Jones '73, Ed Quatmann '92 and Dave Omholt '92. This brings our chapters total to 65 brothers who have earned this honor.

Jim Lopeman '63 built his career around working for and with small independent refineries as they competed against the oil industry giants. Throughout the '70's and '80's, independent oil refineries were supplying 20% of America's energy needs and were considered a strategic lever aimed at keeping larger oil companies in check.

Jim held a series of leadership positions with different west coast oil refineries including Sound Refining, Fletcher Oil and Refining, Newhall Refining, Golden West Refining, Macmillan Ring-Free Oil and Pacific Refining Company. During his tenure at each depending on the industry challenges at the time, he steered them through the oil crisis of the 1970's to a period of economic transition in the 1990's.

Stan Jones '71 (posthumously) Following graduation Stan became the youngest ever elected Indiana State Representative serving for over 16 years. During these sixteen years Stan developed a passion for higher education and ultimately was selected by former Governor Evan Bayh as Commissioner for Higher Education. See Significant Sigs Page 3



The Class of '95 enjoyed a great day at the Annual Sigma Chi Golf Outing.

Picture Perfect Day for Sig Golf Outing

For those not able to make it back for this year's 31st Annual Delta Delta golf outing, you missed out on a "perfect" day of golf. The weather was incredible, sunny and warm, the golf course was in immaculate condition, and the brotherhood exceptional. The outing took place on June 18 at Purdue's Ackermann – Allen golf course.

And the Winners Were Once again the younger golfers demonstrated their golf prowess and the team from the Class of 2015 of Frank Speek, Paul Leffler and Jordan Eddy carded a 13 under par round for 1st place.

Also on the top of their game was the Class of 94 team of Josh Brown, Craig Witmer, Scott Cramer, and Todd Jensen who finished in second place also at 13 under. Third place winners at 11 under were CJ Johnson, Max Long, Spencer Owen and JT Wirtz, Class of 2016.

Senior winners from the Class of '77 team of Jeff Early, John Emhardt, Dave Nussmeier and John Loop turned in a round of 4 under.

At the dinner that evening long time golf outing participant, Larry Nicolet '71, was remembered for his congenial disposition and big heart. Larry entered Chapter Eternal on June 8th.

Special thanks went out to Butch Brose '09 and Jay Milligan for getting the chapter house in order for our return and hosting the dinner following the outing. It goes without saying that all the returning golfers are very See Sig Golf Outing Page 3



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 Ryder Elitharp '23

The start of the fall semester has had the undergrads at Delta Delta extremely focused on rush. Our rush chairmen (Graham Haines '23, Justin Bjeldanes '24, Jano Septien '24) have set high goals and we currently have 28 bids accepted and hope to grow that number above 30 before the start of pledgeship. Unfortunately, we have seen fewer rushees due to the rumors surrounding our current sanctions.

As some of our alumni are aware, the chapter is currently on sanctions that require us to operate as a dry house. Sanctions that were placed after receiving underage drinking and BYOB violation charges. These charges combined with the Eta Beta incident that occurred last semester led IFC to recommend a 2-year suspension to the Dean of Students. With the support of our Grand Praetor and House Corp President Tom Hall, our Exec team and I were able to convince the Dean of Students to withhold this suspension. The terms of the withheld suspension required the house to complete a thorough review of the pledge class implicated in the Eta Beta incident in which 6 members were expelled from Sigma Chi. We also conducted an internal review of all undergraduate brothers and created a new strategic plan outlining the steps to get back in good standing with the university. With the very serious nature of our sanctions, I ask that you be mindful when visiting Delta Delta that we are not allowed to have alcohol of any kind on the property until the suspension is released.

While we have had PR challenges during this rush process, we also had some great successes this past semester that we have been able to advertise to the incoming freshmen. Last year was the most successful Derby Days that any current Delta Delta undergrad has had the opportunity to participate in. Our chairmen (Ian Streeper '23 and Cam Cole '24) had participation from 8 sororities and we raised over \$66,500 towards Huntsman Cancer Institute. Earning us an invitation to the Huntsman Retreat of Excellence in the 50K Club.

Additionally, we had a successful Purdue Grand Prix by winning the Hard Charger award for the most improved position in the race. We want to thank all the alumni that contributed to these events! While our suspension may inhibit our functions at the house, the undergraduates of the chapter remain dedicated to the fraternity, the chapter, and Purdue University. We look forward to guiding our pledge upcoming class through pledgeship with a great Magister team in charge (Dawson Odle '23 and Thomas Hokanson '24).

We have big goals to be in much bet-

ter standing in the spring semester, and we hope to be able to host more events for our undergraduate and alumni brothers.

As always, Proud To Be, and I look forward to seeing alumni back on campus this semester. 202 is still open for visits, so feel free to reach out to me at (208) 891-1457 if you wish to come by.

In hoc, Ryder Elitharp



Derby Days raised over \$66,000 for cancer research.









Jim Lopeman '63

Stan Jones '71

David Ohmhot '92

Ed Quatmann '92

Significant Sigs continued

In this post he created Indiana's community college system, the inaugural 21st Century Scholars Program, and the development of the renowned Core 40 college prep curriculum for Indiana students. After serving as Indiana's Commissioner of Education for 13 years under numerous governors from both major parties, Stan founded the Complete College America network in 2009. This network assisted governors, state legislators, educators, and campus administrators to help students in completing their college education.

Brother Jones entered Chapter Eternal on February 6, 2017 at the age of 67. At the time of his death he was still active in his endeavors to improve the opportunities for all students to attend colleges across America.

Sig Golf Outing continued

appreciative of the effort by golf outing chairman Brian Griffiths '95 and

his chief sidekick, Guenter Haines '95, for pulling everything together for our outing.

Date Set for 2023 Golf Outing

The date for the 2023 Delta Delta Alumni golf outing is already set. The Sig outing will return to the second Saturday in June. Mark your calendars now for June 10, 2023. This date avoids any conflict with Father's Day weekend. Plan now to return in big numbers for this great gathering of Delta Delta brothers.

David Omholt '92 is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Entrepreneur Authority (TEA), a leading full-service franchise consulting firm with a national network of independent offices, from New England to Hawaii, that provide franchise "matchmaking" services. It is the only franchise brokerage to ever receive the Chairman's Award from the American Association of Franchisees and Dealers.

TEA represents over 1000 franchise companies and assists buyers in navigating the process of building their own business. Representing franchisors in over 70 different industry segments in the US, Canada and Mexico, TEA supports individuals ready to invest in themselves.

Since founding TEA in 2002, David has consulted and/or brokered for major franchise brands such as AAMCO, Charles Schwab, Denny's, Potbelly's and Sport Clips, as well as hundreds of others in every imaginable industry segment in the US, Canada, and Mexico.

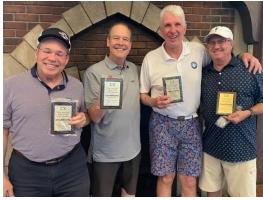
Edmund L. Quatmann, Jr., '92 is Chief Legal Officer of Caesars Entertainment. As Chief Legal Officer, he oversees all of the company's legal and regulatory affairs, and the compliance and risk functions for the entire company. Caesars Entertainment is the largest casino-entertainment company in the U.S. and one of the world's most diversified casino-entertainment providers.

Prior to his role at Caesars, he served as Chief Legal Officer for Eldorado Resorts from 2017, and previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. from 2008-2001. Ed also served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for iPCS, Inc., a telecommunications company. Ed received his Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law.

To read more about the accomplishments and contributions of these brothers go to http://thesighouse.com/category/alumni/.



Plan now to return in big num- Outing champs from the Class of '15 Jordan bers for this great gathering of Eddy, Paul Leffler and Frank Speek.



Class of '77 Senior winners John Loop, Dave Nussmeier, Jeff Early and John Emhardt.

Not a Detail Was Overlooked for Class of '80 Reunion





Recreating a photo of their pledge class taken in 1976, the Class of '80 celebrated their 40th reunion that was hosted by John Pierce on Kent Island, MD.

The Delta Delta Class of 1980 gathered on Kent Island, Maryland, from June 9 to June 12, 2022, to celebrate its Covid-delayed 40-year reunion.

Hosted by John Pierce, the three days of planned activities included a White Rose Ceremony for their three pledge brothers who have entered Chapter Eternal and a heartfelt Goodof-the-Order. The rest of the time was absorbed by a variety of activities undertaken by an extremely fit group of Delta Delta Sigs four decades removed from their days at 202 Littleton.

According to Jim MacDonald '80, "Brother Pierce and his lovely wife, Roxana, really put on a first class get together! From the White Rose ceremony to the G of O, to the fire

drill, to each room labeled "Great Hall", "Junior Dorm", "Grotto", and other notable Sig room names, not a detail was overlooked."

For this special class their return after 40 years was a seamless passage of time. It was as if they were all down in the pledge room next to the furnace on a Monday night. The respect for one another is uniform. Although some in the class have achievements of note, their accomplishments were not an item of discussion or measure of their joint relationship.

The relationships between these brothers are the same now as then. Maybe the only difference was the willingness to verbalize their love for one another. Forty years does, after all, demonstrate there is a finite period of time to get that said.

Brother MacDonald concluded, "The depth and integrity of this class was and is exemplary. The fact that all have been successful in their chosen fields of endeavor, yet 41-42 years later, a simple reunion to gather meant enough to have an overwhelming majority show up, truly exemplifies that deep bond. I'm blessed beyond words to have been associated with these fine brothers."

Summer of 2022 Sig House Updates

Butch Brose '09 and Jay Milligan have been busy this summer working to clean the chapter house, making minor repairs, and addressing specif-



New Drapes in the Great Hall

ic projects requested by the undergraduates.

On the undergrad list were several items including installing a new basketball goal; installing two water fountains with bottle fill capability; and purchasing some portable seating to be used for bid sessions, chapter meetings, and other events when additional seating is needed. On top of these projects, Butch worked with a local interior designer to purchase and install new drapes in the Great Hall.

As usual the chapter house looks very nice and is ready for the return of our younger brothers and rush activities that begin the first week of school.



New Basketball Goal and Court Lines

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Creative Brother Enters Chapter Eternal

"Dick" Richard McNeely '67 entered Chapter Eternal on February 26, 2022. Affectionately known as "Wheely" McNeely, Dick remembered was leading the for effort in the spring



Dick McNeely '67

of 1965 to prepare and drive the chapter's Grand Prix cart.

According to Dave Kelso '67, Dick was initiated with the Class of '67, but missed grades that semester and dropped out. Brother McNeely eventually returned to Purdue to receive his liberal arts degree in 1974.

Dick used his welding skills and creative nature to design and build unique



sculptures. His most prominent is the large structure called

Dick's Quabache Structure Ouabache that

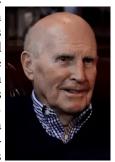
sits on a rise at the east side of the Harrison Street bridge and overlooks the Wabash River. Dick also built a mobile designed by his nephew which is on display on the third floor of the Neil Armstrong building.

Ordeal Did Not Define Him

Richard (Dick) Hall '57 entered chapter eternal on May 20, 2022. Brother Hall was 87.

Dick was a successful Indianapolis businessman in the mortgage lend-

ing and banking arena. In 1977 Dick was kidnapped and held hostage with a shotgun wired to his neck for 63 hours by a crazed custom-Dick was released chose not to



released and Richard Hall '57 chose not to speak of the incident for 40 years.

In 2017 Dick published a book, "Kiritsis and Me: Enduring 63 Hours at Gunpoint." In it he described how he feared for his life and his relationship with Kiritsis before and during his captivity.



Dick McNeely '67 (center) hanging out with fellow Sigs Hank Suerth '68 and Bob Griese '67.

Brother Hall shared his thoughts on this ordeal at the 2018 Delta Delta Southwest Florida Luncheon. Dick commented, "What I learned is that one can be surprised at what he can do if he has to and has faith. I feel certain that my Sigma Chi training and principles played a part in my enduring this ordeal." He further noted, "It felt good to have the opportunity to share my experience with my brothers. I have many fond memories of my days at Purdue." All honor to his name.

Chapter Eternal "All honor to their names"

William R. Weaver '48, Toledo, OH 2-4-22

Richard O. Hall '57, Venice, FL 5-20-22

Charles R. Most '57, Indianapolis, IN 4-21

James G. Batman '58, El Cajon, CA 6-22

Russell K. Glover III '63, Cape Coral, FL 4-22

Dan R. Demars '65, Indianapolis, IN 3-6-22

Gordon E. Compton '67, Elkart, IN 3-22

Darrel M. Massey 67, Eugene, OR 3-22

Richard D. McNeely '67, Attica, IN 2-26-22

Larry A. Nicolet '71, Zionsville, IN 6-8-22

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Sigs Help Push Ade Campaign Over Finish Line

As pledges, all Delta Delta Sigs learn a great deal about George Ade '1887. One of the aspects of his life that we may be less familiar with is his life and times spent at his Hazelden Estate in Brook, Indiana. At Hazelden, Ade entertained dignitaries, hosted parties that launched future presidents, and created a legacy that earned him the title of 'Greatest Living American Writer'.

The George Ade Historic Preservation Commission was formed in 2017. Their vision is to create a oneof-a-kind landmark and unique his-

torical tourism destination in Newton County, Indiana.

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through

The Commission's initial fundraising effort was raise \$50,000 in order receive \$50,000 matching Statue of a youthful grant



George Ade unveiled on June 26, 2022.

the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. To obtain this match all \$50,000 had to be raised first.

When Phil Steele 77 became of aware this campaign, it was within two weeks of its deadline the grant. Soliciting

the help of the classes of '58, '68, '73, '75, and '77, within 4 days 35 brothers had chipped in to help this group hit their goal.

Brian Ortman '77 wrote, "I'm in. All the benevolence brother Ade donated to Purdue and Sigma Chi was most impressive. He led the way for much enjoyment and rewards in our personal lives."

Kristine Wright, the President of Preservation Commission, couldn't understand why they were all of a sudden receiving so many donations for \$202. When she learned of the significance of 202 to our chapter, she was amazed and very grateful.



with \$5000 still Look familiar? Ade's Hazelden home was designed by William needed to earn Mann '1897, the same Delta Delta Sig who was the architect for matching the Delta Delta Chapter house.

Future Goals and Opportunities Recreating the Gardens at Hazelden is the first step in the preservation project. Future plans include restoring Ade's original carriage house as an event venue; refurbishing George Ade's home and adding to it's collection of Ade materials; and adding a resource room for those interested in learning more about Ade's life from an interactive learning center.

As these projects are initiated the Preservation Commission will be looking for support from Sigma Chi and Delta Delta. As we did this time on a limited basis, we're sure the Sigs will come through in the future.

For more information go to https:// hazelden.newtoncounty.in.gov/