



# CHI

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## CHI CELEBRATES 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

Over 100 alumni, undergraduates, and guests gathered on Saturday, April 28, 2007 for Chi Chapter's 11th Annual Hall of Fame and Man of the Year Induction Ceremony. This year's program was a banquet at the University Inn in West Lafayette. The event allowed brothers of all ages to gather and celebrate the achievements of some of our successful alumni and undergraduate brothers.



*Lloyd Zickert '45, Mark Rhudy '05, and Mike Griffin '90*

Those in attendance were treated to a State-of-the-House Association by Vice President Scott French '81. He was pleased to announce that the chapter house will be fully occupied for the 2007-2008 school year. He told the undergraduate brothers that the interior of the house will be repainted this summer and other capital improvements are also planned. He reminded the undergrads that 100% of the house bills go towards the cost of food service, house maintenance, capital improvements, and debt service.

Alumni were impressed with GP Adam Harker's '06 overview of chapter operations. The men of Kappa Sigma are highly sought after by sororities for Grand Prix and football pairings. This fall the chapter will be doing football with the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. The chapter has excelled scholastically and in sports. The chapter is also very proud of their philanthropic endeavors. Next fall they will be building a house for Habitat for Humanities.

Brothers Dean Spencer '53, Dale Kramer '58, and Frank Caputo '66 were inducted into the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame this year. (Their biographies can be found on pages 3-5.) Beyond their professional biographies, their induction

speeches helped bring their personalities to light.

Frank Caputo '66, former social chairman and "Mister Kappa Sigma," loved the Motown sound and used to book Motown performers for Chi Chapter, including Gladys Knight.

After hearing Dale Kramer's '58 acceptance speech, Bob Sorensen '60 recalled, "I was most impressed by Dale's ability to relate his college Chi experiences as to how they prepared him for life."

And finally, regarding Dean Spencer '53, Tim Gonderman '83 remarked, "Brother Spencer is very well-known within the broadcast industry as he built several radio stations and founded Ad-Venture Media. It was great to hear how active he is in several service organizations within Lawrence County as well as the Broadcasters Association and Purdue University."

Alumnus Advisor Mike Griffin '90 presented Stuart Williams '00 with Chi Chapter's Man of the Year award. (Stu's biography can be found on page 5.) Stu's parents and fiancée, Sara Clements, were present to share in Stu's celebration. The Alumni Board wanted to recognize Stu's service to the Chapter over the last two years as live-in advisor. He has been an excellent mentor for the Chapter and helped fill the void when we lost Alumnus Advisor Joe Harshman '48 last year. We are happy to report that Stu will be in Lafayette for a couple of more years and will continue to work with the Chapter even though he will be moving out into an apartment (a block away from the chapter house) next year.



**KAPPA SIGMA HONORS JOE HARSHMAN '48 NATIONALLY! SEE PAGE 7.**



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*Excerpt from Grand Procurator Adam Harker's '06 Hall of Fame Speech*

Brothers and Guests,

Chi has enjoyed another successful year. As a house, we have brought glory to the Fraternity through service, academics, and athletics. We are no longer simply poised to take an elite roll in Greek Life. We are no longer a caged lion in wait. We are the standard of what a fraternity should be both at Purdue and in the nation.

During this past year, brothers generously donated both their time and talent to better the community. As a house, we have donated over 4,300 hours of community service and over \$16,000. Chi also held its third annual Christmas philanthropy in partnership with College Mentors for Kids. This gave underprivileged children an opportunity to make arts and crafts, get their picture with live reindeer, and most importantly, sit on Santa's lap.

Also for the third time in the last four years, Chi won Zeta Tau Alpha's Big Man on Campus. Thanks to Mr. Big Man on Campus Chris Huff '05 and his supporting cast, Chi was again able to contribute the most money toward the \$70,000 raised for breast cancer research. With Chi's success in the largest campus philanthropy, we have taken it upon ourselves to set a new standard. Next fall Chi will raise funds for and build a Habitat for Humanity house for a deserving family. This project will be undertaken solely by the members of Chi. No other fraternity, sorority, or campus group will be involved. We will raise over \$40,000 and donate our time for nearly two straight weeks. One of the dean of students, Kyle Pendleton, described the significance of our project. Simply, it will set a new precedent for philanthropies at Purdue.

Chi is also setting an example for the rest of the campus to follow academically. We were once again above the All-Campus, All-Men's, and All-Fraternity averages. We also achieved our goal of an in-house grade point average of over 3.0. We look forward to challenging ourselves to improve our overall member G.P.A. to a 3.0 from a 2.88.

The world of intramurals was made aware of Chi's presence this year. We achieved championships in softball for the fourth consecutive time, dodgeball, soccer, and two second place finishes in flag football. Even more impressive than the championships is the house support that each team receives. A majority of the house made their way to the softball fields and then hopped in their cars to go cheer on the dodgeball team. Needless to say, our opponents were shocked to see so many people crammed in to watch a dodgeball game.

With our success in so many areas, the lovely sorority women of Purdue have taken notice. For Grand Prix, we were paired with Zeta Tau Alpha and for this upcoming football season we are paired with Kappa Kappa Gamma. If you asked our seniors if they believed we would ever have Delta Zetas and Kappas fighting over us in our front yard they definitely would say no.

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### UNDERGRADUATE OFFICERS

*Grand Master:*

Andrew Branum '05

*Grand Procurator:*

Adam Harker '06

*Grand Master of Ceremonies:*

Joseph Barnes '05

*Grand Scribe:*

Nicholas Nondorf '05

*Grand Treasurer:*

Adam Krupa '05

### CHI HOUSE ASSOCIATION

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Doug Kowert '60

*Vice President:*

Scott French '81

*Treasurer:*

Jim Milner '79

*Secretary:*

Charles Marshall '61

*Directors:*

Kent Pierce '51

Don Sisloff '54

Stewart Williams '55

Eric Wenaas '59

Charles Marshall '61

Jeff Minner '81

Mike Galt '82

Tim Gonderman '83

Conrad Hammond '00

Josh Roberts '00

Matt Konopka '01

### ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

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Mike Griffin '90

*Assistant Alumnus Advisors:*

Stewart Williams '55

Jim Milner '79

Dave Druetzler '81

Brent Blackwell '90

Brad Derrick '00

Michael Hedges '00

Robert Morris '00

Vishal Shah '00

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*Vice President:*

Byron Anderson '45

*Treasurer:*

Mike Griffin '90

*Secretary:*

Matt Brozovic '82

*Trustee:*

Bob Sorensen '60

# CHAPTER REPORT CONTINUED

I would like to take this time to thank our departing seniors. They took Chi from a fledgling fraternity and built it into a premier establishment on campus. Their accomplishments and accolades speak for themselves, but more importantly, they have passed on their leadership to the younger members and put Chi in a position to become even stronger.

I would like to leave you with a final thought. During Grand Prix, I was discussing fraternity stereotypes with several ladies from Zeta Tau Alpha. We went through the so called “jock” houses and the so called “lady killer” houses and so on. When it came to Kappa Sigma they told me that we are considered the gentlemen on campus and that we had another characteristic that was difficult to describe. I told them that I wouldn’t be offended and that they should share what others around campus thought of us. They told me that we were considered the “intense” house. I really did not understand what they meant and asked them to elaborate. They told me that we are the type of house who, when we have something we want to do, we do it. If we want to win Big Man on Campus, we do. If we want to win an intramural championship, we do with all of Chi in attendance. If we want to build a house for an underprivileged family, we do. We achieve all of these great things through our close brotherhood which is second to none on campus. With this in mind, I know that whatever we want to do, we will do well and success will continue to attend our every effort.

## HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHIES

### Dean Spencer '53

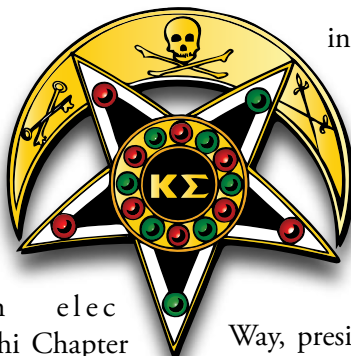
Brother Spencer is the president of Ad-Venture Media, which includes the WWEG/WBIW/WQRK Radio Network.

Lester Dean Spencer enrolled in Purdue University in 1953 to pursue a degree in electrical engineering and was initiated into Chi Chapter in November of that year. As an undergraduate at Purdue, Dean was busy both in the fraternity, where he served as assistant house manager and editor of the Chi Chapter alumni newsletter, as well as on campus where he was in both Eta Kappa Nu, an electrical engineering honorary, as well as Scabbard and Blade, a military honorary.

He also met his future wife, Barbara, a Chi Omega, when the Kappa Sigs and Chi-Os were singing at the Presbyterian church.

Dean received his degree in 1956 and worked several jobs, including serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, working as a sales engineer at Allen-Bradley, Co., and in power sales and industrial development for Richmond Power & Light.

He designed and built WQRK FM in 1975 and WPHZ in 1991. He founded Ad-Venture Media in 1988, which



includes WBIW in addition to WRQK and WPHZ.

Brother Spencer is active within the industry, as a past president of the Indiana Broadcasters Association and is a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers. He is also active in the community, serving as president of United Way, president of the Lawrence County Aviation Board, director of the Bedford Federal Savings Bank, director of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce and Mitchell Chamber of Commerce, president of the Bedford Kiwanis Club, and many other organizations.

He is also involved with Purdue as a member of the Purdue President’s Council, John Purdue Club, and the County Extension Board.

Even juggling professional, civic, and university commitments, Barbara and Dean still find the time to visit with their children, Stuart, Susan, and Scott, and to spoil their grandchildren. Brother Spencer also enjoys taking some time to relax by flying his 1948 Cessna 170.

“Chi really changed my life. Many meaningful friendships were established and a great fellowship. I have many fantastic memories of my time at Chi.”

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# HALL OF FAME BIOGRAPHIES CONTINUED

## Dale Kramer '58



*Bob Sorensen '60 and Dale Kramer '58*

Brother Kramer served the majority of his career with ShopKo Stores headquartered in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He started with them in 1971 and watched it grow from \$30 million with 11 stores to over \$2 billion and over 250 stores. The company went public on the NYSE in 1991. He served his last 10 years as chairman, president, and CEO. He has extensive experience in private and public markets. As a hobby he is a part-owner in a private consulting firm.

Brother Kramer enrolled at Purdue in 1958. “The four years spent at Purdue were arguably the most relevant four years of my life,” he recalls.

Dale spent a decade working at Walgreens, first as a pharmacist, later as a store manager, then as a drug merchandiser.

Kramer joined ShopKo Stores, Inc. in 1971 to lead the company in development of its strategic entry into health care. ShopKo opened its first pharmacy in 1971 and was the first mass merchant to do so. In 1978, ShopKo opened its first full-service optical center. In 1982, a full-service optical lab opened to service the eye care centers. Health Services represents 15% of its revenues and close to 30% of ShopKo profits.

Kramer took over as president and CEO of ShopKo Stores, Inc. in 1991, and led the strategic repositioning of the company with his “Vision 2000” plan, which successfully positioned the company for favorable financial results in the 1990’s.

Professional accolades have been numerous, but the one of which he is most proud of is his 1999 induction into the Discount Store News Retail Hall of Fame, alongside the likes of Sam Walton (founder of Wal-Mart) and Richie Cunningham (Founder of K-Mart).

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## Frank Caputo '66

Brother Frank Caputo is the director of Pharmacy at the Ashtabula County Medical Center in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Frank enrolled in Purdue in pursuit of a degree in pharmacy, pledging Chi Chapter in 1965. “The Dago,” as he was known, managed to walk the line between academic and social growth, earning Dean’s List honors as well as serving the fraternity as the social chairman. He graduated with his degree in pharmacy in 1970.

His career in the pharmaceutical industry has included tenures as the vice president of sales for Quality Care Pharmaceuticals, director of Pharmacy at Western Reserve Care System, national systems consultant at IVAC Corp – where he earned top five in sales and Diamond President’s Club honors – and as director of Pharmacy at Trumbull Memorial Hospital.

He is also involved in the League of Intravenous Therapy Education Speakers Bureau, has served as a guest lecturer for the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and as the president of the Trumbull County Pharmaceutical Association.



*Steve Springer '67, J. D. Barnes '05, & Frank Caputo '66*

Brother Caputo has also worn many hats outside the pharmaceutical arena. He tried his hand in the culinary arts, serving as owner and chef for Caputo's Italian Ristorante and vice president of the Lakeland Athletic Club.

Kappa Sigma has also benefited from Frank's experience. He served as the alumnus advisor for the Epsilon-Rho Chapter at Kent State University.

Frank is married to Helen Terwilliger-Caputo and has two children, Tracie Lenox and Stephen Terwilliger.

When asked about Chi Chapter and what it meant to him, he reminisced that it, "was not a house, but a home away from home," and that it was responsible for the development of many, "lifelong friendships and brotherhood, as well as lifelong memories."

### **Stuart Williams '00**

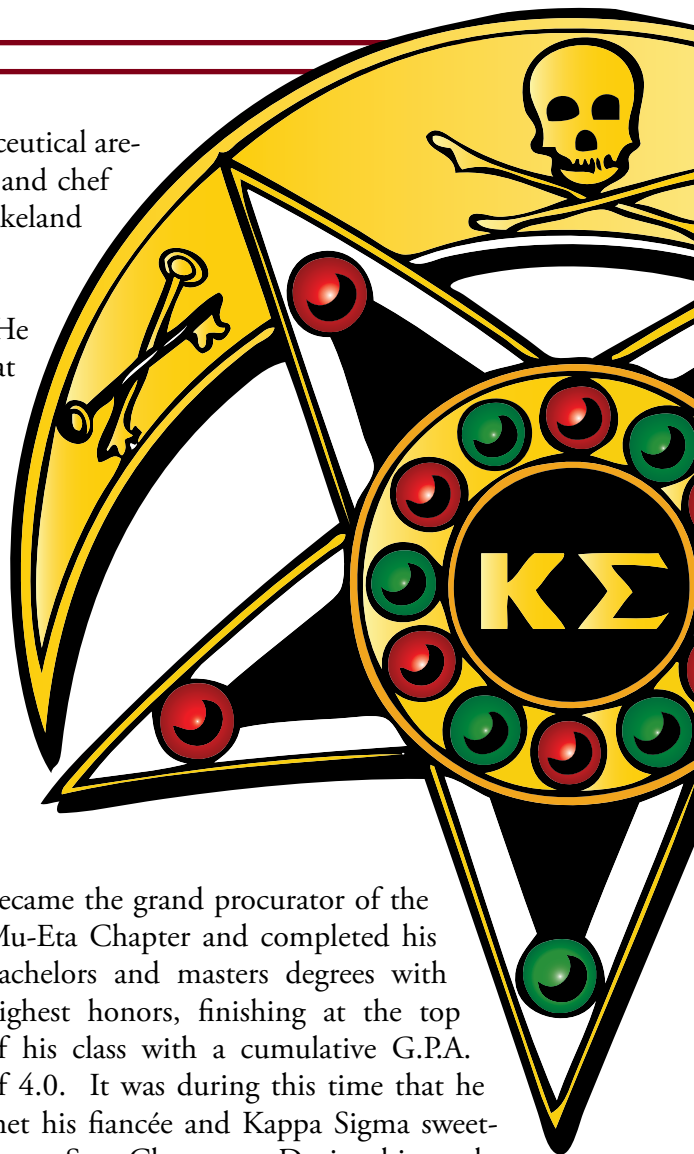


*Stu Williams '00 and Mike Griffin '90*

Stuart Williams was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. He attended the Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville and majored in mechanical engineering. He pledged the Mu-Eta Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity during his first semester in school, in the fall of 2000. During his co-op, Stuart traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to work for Sandia National Laboratories in the Micro-Analytical Systems group where he investigated sensor detection capabilities for explosives and chemical weapons. While in Albuquerque, Stuart associated himself with the Delta-Zeta (University of New Mexico) Chapter of Kappa Sigma and assisted then-WGP Kevin S. Kaplan. Upon returning to Louisville, Stuart

became the grand procurator of the Mu-Eta Chapter and completed his bachelors and masters degrees with highest honors, finishing at the top of his class with a cumulative G.P.A. of 4.0. It was during this time that he met his fiancée and Kappa Sigma sweetheart, Sara Clements. During his graduate semesters at the University of Louisville, Stuart became assistant alumnus advisor and assistant district grand master.

Stuart finished his masters degree in the summer of 2005 and attended Purdue University the following fall semester to pursue a PhD in mechanical engineering with a concentration in microfluidics. At Purdue, Stuart associated with the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma by being their residential advisor, assistant alumnus advisor, and member of the Housing Board. He has received two scholarship fellowships during his academic career at Purdue including the Laura Winkelman Fellowship for Doctoral Studies and the prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Scholarship. Stuart will be traveling to Southampton, England this summer to continue his research at the University of Southampton. He plans on graduating by the Spring 2010 semester and will continue to play an active role in the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma.



## CHI CLEANS UP AT 2006 EAST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE!



Brothers,

Once again, Chi has cleaned up on the awards! Over twenty undergraduates and alumni attended the Kappa Sigma East Leadership Conference. The conference took place July 21 - 22, 2006 at the Hilton Netherland Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. Chi received the F.A.C.E. (Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence), runner-up in the Thomas House Prize, communications awards, community service and philanthropy awards, and more. A detailed listing of awards is included to the right. The F.A.C.E. award is Kappa Sigma's award recognizing excellent chapter operations. It is also especially significant in that it is the measure Joe Harshman '48 routinely used to evaluate the Chapter's progress. He had encouraged and pushed the Chapter to strive for and accomplish this important goal, and while he wasn't with the brothers when they accepted the award, his presence continues to be felt by the Chapter.

Sach Pithadia '04 was elected to the Undergraduate Advisory Committee (UAC) for the 2006-2007 school year. This is a high-profile position where five undergrads from throughout the Fraternity are elected to represent the undergraduate members and work with the SEC and the Fraternity staff. Sach is only the second Chi initiate elected to the UAC. Several current and past SEC members served as UAC delegates while they were undergrads. He will have the opportunity to make a

### 2006 Kappa Sigma East Leadership Conference Chi Chapter Awards

- Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence
- East Leadership Conference Attendance Cup
- "A Greater Cause" Excellence Award (7,006 hours of community service)
- "A Greater Cause" Excellence Award (\$23,390.17 raised for philanthropies)
- Outstanding Single Community Service Event Award
- Top 25 Recruitment Chapter (19th of 240 chapters and colonies)
- Campus Involvement Excellence Award
- Outstanding Brothers In Action (BIA) Award
- Outstanding Single Communication Award
- Outstanding BIA for Pledge Program Award
- The Howell H. Thomas House Prize Award (Runner-Up)

significant contribution to the Fraternity, represent Chi Chapter on the national stage, and gain valuable experience in the process. Join me in congratulating Brother Pithadia on this outstanding accomplishment.

Lastly, Kappa Sigma has named the Alumnus Advisor of the Year award in honor of our late Brother Harshman '48. The first Joseph P. Harshman Alumnus Advisor of the Year Award was presented by Benita Harshman at the awards banquet Saturday night. Kemp Harshman, Debby and Harrison Smith, Malcolm Harshman, and Suzy Mushalla also attended. Throughout the night it was once again apparent just how respected and missed Joe is throughout Kappa Sigma. The presentation was moving and emotional and we are honored that Kappa Sigma has chosen to remember Joe in such a way.

## EASTERN CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Brother Sam Beard '04 deserves special recognition for his hard work as awards chairman where he managed the process for compiling and submitting the chapter's awards package to Kappa Sigma. As we congratulate our active members, let us remember that these awards represent many years of hard work and dedication to our beloved chapter.

We can take a moment to recognize the accomplishments of the past year, all the while remembering that the awards only validate the excellence that exists at Chi. Success has many fathers, and we owe them all our thanks. First and foremost, the awards celebrate the amazing contributions of our undergraduate brothers. They have continually risen to meet the challenges placed before them. The founding fathers gave our chapter the foundation on which to build, and the recent classes have built upon the early success. Our many alumni volunteers give unselfishly of their time, energy, and talents. Their contributions cannot be overstated. And finally, our many generous contributors have allowed Chi to build and maintain a state-of-the-art chapter house at Purdue. In the last ten years we have seen so many brothers who showed their continued belief and confidence in Chi Chapter through gifts of time and money.

The awards are in every way a team 'win' that we can all celebrate. On behalf of the Chapter and the volunteer alumni, "Thank you for your ongoing support of Chi Chapter." Join me in extending a heartfelt congratulations to the undergraduate brothers.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,

Mike Griffin '90  
Alumnus Advisor

## 2007 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sach Pithadia '04	Herschell Sanderson '24	\$1,500
Sean Ekhart '04	Gordon Binder '54	\$1,500
Cody Hays '04	Stephen Beering '85	\$1,000
Joe Cappiello '03	Eric Wenaas '59	\$1,000
Matthew Iams '04	Charlie Marshall '61	\$750
Derek Bassett '04	Charles Alter '41	\$750
Samuel Beard '04	Joe Harshman '48	\$500
Mark Rhudy '05	Jack Harshman '42	\$500
Brandon Hausauer '05	Lloyd Zickert '45	\$500
J. D. Barnes '05	Mike Griffin '90	\$250
Douglas Pittard '03	Doug Kowert '60	\$250
Adam Harker '06	Scott French '81	\$250
Chris Huff '05	Mike Galt '82	\$250
Timothy Hyde '05	Jim Milner '79	\$250
Sam McAllister '05	Bob Sorenson '60	\$250
Adam Krupa '05	Matt Brozovic '82	\$250
Andrew Peabody '06	Byron Anderson '45	\$250

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Visit the Chapter website for the complete photo set from the 2007 Chi Chapter Hall of Fame.

The website has the alumni directory, a chance to update your profile, view Chapter news and events, make a contribution to the 2007 annual fund, and much more. Check it out!

## ALUMNUS ADVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD RENAMED

Brothers, I am writing to let you know that the Alumnus Advisor of the Year Award has been renamed the **Joseph P. Harshman Alumnus Advisor of the Year Award**, which it will be known as from now on. The award was presented this past summer at the East Leadership Conference in Cincinnati. This is an honor for Kappa Sigma Fraternity to have an award named in memory of a great brother.

A.E.K.Δ.B.,  
Mitchell B. Wilson  
Executive Director, KΣ Fraternity

# SAVE THE DATE!

## *Homecoming 2007*

October 26 - 28, 2007

Northwestern vs. Purdue



*Check the website ([ChiKappaSigma.org](http://ChiKappaSigma.org)) as the event nears for more details and for RSVP information.*



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