



# Chi AGITATOR

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## Chi Chapter Excellence in Action

The commitment to excellence and achievement by Chi's Active Brothers supported by a large number, from every generation, of Chi Alumni continues to result in Chi's extraordinary position as "the Best of the Best" both at Purdue and in all of Kappa Sigma. Ever since Chi Chapter reopened its doors in the fall of 2000 and completed its remodeling and expansion in the fall of 2001, the Active Chapter has excelled scholastically, socially, philanthropically, athletically and in campus leadership.

Working together; the Active Chapter Executive Committee, Housing Corporation, Chapter Alumni Advisors and Chapter Education Foundation have created a special supportive Brotherhood bond at Chi. The exceptional number of Kappa Sigma National Awards and the extra-ordinary Purdue Campus recognitions that Chi has received are a testament to this cooperation and the Active Chapter's strong, supportive Brotherhood.

The House has continually been at full occupancy with 78 Brothers living in out of a total Chapter membership of over 100 Active Brothers. The annual up-keep and the annual improvements to the Chapter House by the Housing Corporation and the Active Chapter along with the active involvement of a variety of Chi Alumni continue to improve the quality of the property and minimize



discipline issues. The condition of the Chapter House is a testament to the leadership of Chi's Executive Committee and Active Brothers.

Our annual fund raising appeal continues to contain a long wish list of projects to improve the Chapter House. The most amazing new request this year is the Active Chapter's desire to expand the Study Room Space on the first floor to provide 11 computer study carrousel and remodel the adjacent entrance and commons areas. This is a big project costing approximate \$30,000, but the return in every way will be exceptional. Everyone

has been and is affected by the state of

the US economy; however contributions to these projects bring returns to the Brothers of Chi out of all proportion to their costs. Please consider helping.

In closing, if you have a chance, please visit the House whenever you are at or near Purdue. The young Brothers at Chi are a most exceptional group that collectively possess the highest levels of social, scholastic and leadership characteristics that Kappa Sigma stands for.

AEKDB,  
Doug Kowert '60  
Housing Corporation President

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# State of the Chapter

As the Fall 2008 semester came to a close, the Chi chapter had once again finished another busy term. With a strong recruitment period, successful community service events, philanthropy victories, excellence in academics, and continuous campus involvement, Chi looks to hold the top spot among fraternities at Purdue.

Starting the year with another successful rush period, the Chi chapter pledged in 27 gentlemen. Having the highest retainage since the re-colonization, the Chi chapter initiated 26 of the previously mentioned men. The pledge class looks to be full of leaders and motivated individuals as they have all committed to a Continuing Orientation of Brothers in Action program (COBRA). Because pledgship is set at 60 days, the pledge class often does not have time to enjoy or accomplish all that the Brotherhood Development Committee would like them to do. The COBRA program includes attaining one level of ritual proficiency, participating in a community service activity, joining a house committee, attending an Executive Committee meeting, and joining an organization on campus. By completing these tasks, it should prepare the new initiates to become very active members of the chapter.

With the installation of a community service committee head, the Chi chapter has begun a strong volunteer effort. So far this semester we have participated in 3 large events. The first event was "De-trash the Wabash" where we paired with the lovely ladies of Chi Omega, rented a bus, and spent the day cleaning up parks near the Wabash River. Our second event was a Trick-or-Treat event sponsored by the Panhellenic Association for the community of West Lafayette. Our third event was the Make a Difference Day where we volunteered at the church next door and repainted the stairwells, washed

dishes, cleaned chairs, and polished every piece of brass in the building.

As for philanthropies, the Chi chapter plans to hold their 5th annual Christmas philanthropy the first weekend in December. We will again invite College Mentor's for Kids, an organization composed of underprivileged children from the surrounding communities, for a day of crafts, food, stories, pictures with live reindeer, and of course Santa himself. The day is full of fun and all the active members participate and help organize all of the activities. Along with the Christmas party for the kids, we will also be having a week of events leading up to that Saturday. We have invited sororities to participate in events like a Christmas tree decorating contest, cookie baking contest, and a Mrs. Claus pageant. All of the proceeds will be donated to the College Mentor's for Kids organization and the Boys & Girls Club.

The Chi chapter has also been busy on campus as actives hold several positions in clubs and organizations here at Purdue. To name a few we currently have actives on the executive or board of directors committee for the Interfraternity Council, Old Master's Program, Purdue Student Government, Purdue Engineering Student Council, Aviation Student Council, Gimlet Honorary, Purdue Water Polo Club, Purdue Rugby Club, and College Mentor's for Kids. That list does not even mention the actives who are just members of organizations on campus. We currently have about 65% of all members involved in at least one club or organization and we continue to encourage underclassmen to get active in student organizations.

The chapter also hosted the First Annual Chi Golf Outing at the Lafayette Elks' Country Club this fall and it was a great success. We invited Alumni and Dads from the area to join in a Saturday full

## *state of the chapter continued...*

of food, golf, and fellowship. It was a great success as we had almost 60 participants in the tournament. The day featured lunch at the course, the golf outing itself, and concluded at the chapter house for a BBQ. If you are interested in playing in next year's tournament please contact the Chi chapter.

Last but certainly not least, the Chi chapter has remained very diligent to their studies. Finishing within the Top 10 of fraternity grades the past 6 semesters and remaining above the all campus and all men's averages can be labeled as a true testament to Chi's dedication. We understand that first and foremost we are here to get an education and that this opportunity should not be wasted.

We would like to thank all of you who have visited us in the past semester and encourage all to stop by the chapter house. Whether it is for a meeting on campus, athletic event, or even an initiation, you will always be welcome. Remember that you are always a Kappa Sigma. Not for a day, an hour, or college term only... but for life.

AEKDB  
JD Barnes  
Grand Master

## **Kappa Sigma Tech**

The Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma has the best computer system of any greek organization at Purdue University. We have a lab of 4 computers with the latest software that brother's can utilize for their coursework and running fraternity programs. The lab is equipped with high speed scanners for archiving class documents and a color laser printer that is free to use for class and fraternity functions. We have a presentation room equipped with a projector and 15' screen where we can host brotherhood presentations and conference room with a 52" display for group meetings. The entire house is equipped with wifi access and each room has several ethernet ports for those people with desktop computers. All class binders are stored electronically on a centralized server that is maintained by the chapter's technology chairman. Our internet is run through an advanced load balancing router which draws a combined 25 megabits from Comcast and Verizon for redundancy and increased capacity. As you can see the chapter has cutting edge technology that allows us to sustain our excellent academic standards and helps us recruit the best and brightest minds attending Purdue.





# Kappa Sigma Chi - Grand Prix 2009

Purdue will be holding its 51st annual Grand Prix race this April. This will also be Chi's 4th year with a team in the race, however, this year the race will be run on a new track which is currently under construction. The new track will be longer, wider, and much faster than the previous one, and Chi is looking forward to the new season of racing.

Though we have not been very successful in years past, we are confident that this year will mark a new era for Chi as we have been working diligently to prepare the cart and team in order to be one of this season's top competitors. The team is comprised of a mix of new young talent as well as older experienced brothers which is yet another reason we plan to be successful. All of the brothers here at Chi are excited not only for the new team, but also the new cart and equipment that we were able to obtain from various donations. This winter we will be purchasing a new motor and clutch which will outperform our previous set-up. Our driver has also been practicing in the off-season to stay in shape for the race, and the team has already begun to practice together in order to build a strong team bond. Ultimately Grand Prix has built fellowship throughout the house and has allowed many brothers to join in and gain valuable leadership skills.



# 2009 Annual Fund Donors

We'd like to thank those alumni listed below who have contributed to the 2009 Annual Fund. We truly appreciate your continued support of the Chi Chapter. Your generosity enables us to continue to send out newsletters as well as organize events like Founders' Day and Homecoming.

Roger DeLong '35	Phil Hall '50	Dave Derrick '66
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# Alumni Updates

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## **Richard Freedman '47**

Dick and his wife, Jane, have four children: Debra, Phyllis, Rick, and Tom. Dick is president of International Pacific Company. He was just named to the National Exchange Clubs "Court of Honor", only two people were selected in the U.S. this year.

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## **John Brill '49**

John is self-employed as an aerial photographer. John and his wife, Carolyn, have a son, John (52) and a daughter, Crystal (27). Their son Bob (47) passed away in 2005. John is a railway engineer on passenger trains between Indianapolis and Tipton, Indiana. He deer hunts in his spare time.

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## **Alan Birchler '51**

Al, Herb Werren, Mal Moore, Phil Hall, Tom Thompson, Charlie Aldag, and spouses continue to meet every year for a Purdue home football game. The group is approaching 60 years since they first came together and they still enjoy the friendships developed then. Al is married to Molly. He has four children: Ann (49), Tom (47), Nancy (46), and Bill who is deceased. Al has been retired for 15 years and lives on a golf course. One of his hobbies is to play golf with friends.

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## **David Blackledge '51**

Dave, in Carlisle, PA, is married to Nan (PU Delta Gamma) and they have four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Dave and one of his sons are retired US Army colonels, another son is a US Army major general, and he also has a son who is a high school teacher and a daughter who is a grade school teacher.

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## **Gordon Binder '54**

Gordon and his wife, Adele, have two children: Brant and Todd. Gordon's book "Science Lessons" is on the market and selling well.

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## **Kenneth Bishop '54**

Ken is a Professor Emeritus at the University of Kansas. Ken and his wife, Barbara, have one daughter Susie (44). Barb and Ken really enjoy their classes' annual reunion gatherings in Indianapolis and LaFayette. A.E.K.D.B.

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## **Robert Pence '58**

Bob is married to Sue and they have three sons: Brian (41), Tim (39), and Darren (35). Bob works part-time as a tax advisor for HR Block. He has been retired for ten years and lives in the Atlanta area not far from the I75 for anyone traveling from the Midwest to Florida. His tax office is less than one mile from the interstate if traveling through during tax season.

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## **Leonard Magazine '61**

Lenny and his wife, Susan, have two children: Richard (38) and Shari (34) and three grandchildren. Lenny owns and works for Real Estats, Inc. as the publisher. He just broke his shoulder and says it is something that everyone should avoid. There is no pain like it. He also has his sight back. It took eight minutes for each cataract to be removed and now he has 20/20 vision. The other eye is to be done soon. Lenny is enjoying his life as the bionic man. He just returned from a week at the Magic Kingdom, Disneyland, with the whole family and they had a blast.

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## **David Horner '63**

David and his wife Kathy have one daughter: Callie (16). He is Associate General Counsel for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company.

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## **Charles Fennimore '66**

Tom and his wife, Gail, have two children: Blair (29) and Keenan (27). After working in banking since 1975, Tom retired in 2007. This summer he began a new career in healthcare at Premier, Inc. and Premier Purchasing Partners in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is Senior Counsel in Premier's legal department, an in-house attorney position that he resumed after a 20-year detour into non-legal business roles, first at Bank of America and then at Wachovia Bank. Tom has come full-circle in his career.

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## **James Redlin '66**

Jim and his wife, Wendy, live in Katonah, New York. After graduation Jim spent three years in the U.S. Army and then 37 years in the air freight business. He retired this past May 31, 2008. He is enjoying retirement. Joining KE was the best thing that Jim did while at Purdue. He will always treasure those friendships and memories.

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## **Joel Ebbertt '67**

Joel is married to Nanette and they have three children: Brittany, Matthew, and Mitchell. Joel has successfully achieved a personal goal by forming his own consulting business in early 2007. He works with established clients developed during the past thirty years as well as a stream of new clients. He continues to work closely with two firms with whom he has a long-term association, Right Management, Inc and ABG, Inc. For more information go to his company website: [Ebbcon.com](http://Ebbcon.com).

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## **Martin Reitz '67**

Martin and his wife, Diane, have two daughters: Kelly (37) and Katie (34). Martin or Moon Doggie as he is referred to is a pharmacist at Wal-Mart. He is hoping to get into the "greeter" training program at Wal-Mart.

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## **Neil Petry '71**

Neil and his wife, Jodi, have one child: Ame. Neil works at Duke University Medical Center where he is director of the Radiopharmacy and Nuclear Medicine labs. On November 1, 2008 he made it back to Purdue for a football game for the first time in a long time. Seeing the Boilers beat Michigan at home on a perfect fall weather day was fantastic. The pre and post game tailgates were outstanding and great fun. Harry's was great fun too. He also got to see the men's basketball team in action. Boiler Up!

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## **Curt Ewing '84**

Curt is married to Traci and they have three daughters: Nicole (7), Sarah (5), and Annalie (3). Curt is senior finance manager for Honeywell Aerospace. He moved back to Phoenix after a couple of years on assignment in Alabama. He spends his time getting run ragged by his three young ladies and with time permitting he sneaks in an occasional football game, round of golf, and skiing. Drop him a line, he needs to catch up with everyone. AEKDB.

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