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## HOMECOMING

#### An Outstanding Event from Start to Finish

Words could hardly describe the outstanding 2001 Chi Chapter Homecoming, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Nearly a hundred alumni signed our guest registry and we're certain several more actually visited the completely remodeled Chapter House at 308 North Street. It's been years since we had an alumni turnout like this and our perennial chairman, Dave Corey '88, organized the best celebration in recent memory.

Many of our visiting brothers arrived early at 308 for coffee and rolls and they were impressed with the house as our active brothers had spit-shined the house early that morning. As the guests arrived they were treated to tour after tour of the exquisite Chapter House and stories about the chapter as it is today.



The football game against Northwestern started at 11 a.m., and what a game it was. The Boilermakers won an exciting 32-27 affair, that entertained all brothers in attendance. Making the game more enjoyable was a bus that ferried our alumni and guests to and from the game. This made the post game festivities at the house very convenient for all.

When everyone returned from the game, the brothers and their guests were treated to quite a feast. During the game our caterer roasted a pig which became the main entree of a super buffet. When the last guest had eaten, there wasn't even a scrap remaining.

Soon after dinner, we began the 2001 Chi Hall of Fame presentation, which was the highlight of this very special weekend. Master of Ceremonies, Brother Walt Myers '61 welcomed the guests and, with Brother Joe Harshman '48, introduced the 2001 Honored Alumni. The 2001 Chi Chapter Hall of Fame inductees were brothers Gene Grotnes '48, Bill Schulenberg '48, John Haimbaugh '52 and John McCammon '62. In all, 42 brothers have been honored by the chapter as Hall of Fame inductees.

Making the event even more special was the presentation of the 2001 Man of the Year Award, that was presented to two outstanding alumni, Brothers Scott French '81 and Mike Galt '82. The citations for these honored brothers are found elsewhere in this issue.

The chapter has prospered this year with the assistance of our first Resident Advisor, Marshall Anderson. Brother Anderson graduated last spring from Tulsa University where he was an outstanding Grand Master of the chapter. His home chapter has been the frequent recipient of Kappa Sigma's awards of highest distinction.



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#### Chi House Association President's Report

When Brothers Matt Brozovic '82 and Scott French '81 "roped me into" attending my first Housing Corporation meeting three years ago, I thought that I would just be spending a day with a couple of friends and sharing some laughs. After all, what were the odds that we could ever reinstate the Chi Chapter? How were we going to raise over \$2.5 million from an alumni base who saw one such drive fall short just 10 years ago? How many alumni would really become involved on an active basis? And finally, aren't fraternities dying at Purdue anyway? These guys were dreaming! Oh well, at least lunch at Harry's would be fun.

#### Fast forwarding three years to Homecoming on October 27, 2001:

Behind me is a brand new Chapter House; state of the art in every way. To the left are our undergraduate brothers; quality men now 93 in numbers. In the front yard are over 200 Homecoming guests, including brothers who have given to the project in every conceivable way. And to the right are Brothers Doug Kowert '60, Joe Harshman '48, Brozovic and French. They are holding scissors and ribbon and we are about to do the unthinkable...christening a new Chi Chapter House.

Our ability to realize this improbable dream is due primarily to our unique alumni base. Their talents, energy and passion for the Chi Chapter are unsurpassed. It doesn't seem to matter what decade our alumni come from, there is tremendous pride in our chapter, gratitude for the lessons that we learned, and the life-long friendships established. Over 300 of our 900 alumni have been involved in some way with the restoration project. This is phenomenal when you consider how widespread we are geographically and considering the time that our college years span.

We have crossed many critical hurdles over the last several years. Of course, Kappa Sigma is not for a day only... We have challenges that remain and will require our continued long-term commitment. From a financial standpoint, we are currently carrying about \$400,000 more in debt than what we originally planned. This is due to the fact that the recent stock market downturn is delaying the payment of some planned contributions. I would be remiss if I didn't ask for each Chi alumni to make a pledge to support this fine new chapter to the best of his capabilities. There are still 600 of us who have yet to contribute. Please take the time to call Brother French at (630) 271-1095 and discuss ways that you can lend a hand. No contribution is too small to help. Also, many thanks for the way that all of you are paying against your pledges. Our collection ratios are amongst the best seen by our consultant, Fraternity Management Group.

Finally, on behalf of the Housing Corporation, I ask for you to consider active involvement in the Corporation. One of our shortcomings previously was a lack of "planned turnover" in the board so that the Chi Chapter never runs out of energy. If you have a couple hours per month that you can contribute to the Corporation, either this year or in the future, please give me a call at (219) 531-6621. If you have some comments or recommendations, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Congratulations, brothers on a magnificent achievement!

A.E.K.D.B.,

Mike Galt '82

# **Undergrads Impressive**

It is a special time to be an undergraduate at the Chi Chapter. In August, 65 brothers and pledges were the first residents of the "new" 308. The original re-Founding Fathers, who were initiated last November, have now initiated two pledge classes, bringing the total membership to 79 brothers. Our proud chapter is one

of the strongest and most respected fraternity on the Purdue campus. Enhancing our strength even more is the fact that only a few brothers will graduate this coming Spring. There are 24 members in the third class (Fall 2001) and when Spring 2002 rush has been completed, we expect a membership well over 100 active brothers and pledges. This is remarkable for a chapter that was re-colonized in February, 2000.

The undergraduate chapter has been a pleasure for me to work with. I

am confident that all brothers will take pride in knowing that our actives have gone to great lengths to make sure the Chi Chapter is one of the top fraternities at Purdue.

A.E.K.Δ.B., Joe Harshman'48 Alumnus Advisor



#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Our new Chi Chapter has elected its third set of officers. They will be installed for a one year term beginning January 7<sup>th</sup>, following Officer Transition the previous day.

The new **Grand Master** will be **Seth Bogin**. Seth and Conrad Hammond combined to recruit nearly our entire original Colony in the winter of '98-'99. Brother Bogin is one of our re-Founding Fathers and served as our first Grand Procurator. He is a junior and is considering a career in law. His hometown is Naperville, IL.

Brother **Harrigan Williams**, also one of our re-Founding Fathers, from Robison, IL, will be our new **Grand Procurator**. Harrigan is a junior and has been our House Manager since we moved into the Chapter House.

The **Grand Master of Ceremonies** will be **Matt Konopka**, a sophomore from South Bend, IN.

Matt is a member of the Alpha Pledge Class and is the first younger brother to be elected to major office.

**Nathan Berzai** will serve as **Grand Scribe.** Also from Alpha, Nate is a sophomore from South Bend, IN.

Our new **Grand Treasurer** will be Josh Roberts, a fifth semester student from Greenwood, IN. Josh is also one of our re-Founding Fathers.



## What's New with the Chi Chapter

#### The Chapter Needs Furniture

Brothers who may be retiring and moving into smaller quarters may find they have some handsome but surplus furniture that would be appropriate for our living room and library. We'd like these rooms to be nicely furnished but our budget prevents us from buying furniture at this time. Ideally we could use upholstered chairs, bookcases, library tables, end tables, coffee tables, game tables and captain chairs, table and floor lamps, area rugs and pictures. If you have an item that we might be able to use, please contact Brother Joe Harshman '48 at (317) 291-0400 or email him at joeharsh@aol.com.

#### Memorabilia

Recently, we received fraternity memorabilia from the daughter of Brother Jimmy Sargeant '24. His dress board, a banner, some pictures and other keepsakes will look great in the Boyd Room. Brother Sargeant also served the chapter as a member of the Housing Corporation in the late forties. We would be happy to receive and display selected items from different generations. If you have any Chi memorabilia that you would consider presenting to the chapter, please contact Brother Harshman (above).

#### It is Time to Start Thinking about Homecoming 2002

Brothers, with all the success and fun had at the 2001 Chi Chapter Homecoming, it is time to start preparing for this year's Homecoming celebration. With that in mind, be sure and reserve the 27th and 28th of September for the 2002 Homecoming Celebration. Plans are in the early stages for having a MAJOR reunion of all classes and especially the World War II and post-World War II years. Remember to reserve those dates and get your hotel space as soon as possible. Expect to see formal announcements in the mail in the upcoming months. There will never be a better opportunity for you to return to campus and meet your Chi brothers that you haven't seen in years.

#### **Rush Recommendations**

Please send all rush recommendations to Brother Ryan Labis '01 at 308 North Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or labis@purdue.edu or you can send in your recommendations online at www.ChiKappaSigma.org.

#### Chi Alumni Chapter

Kappa Sigma at Purdue has seen great things over the past couple of years: the rebuilding of the chapter, the renovation of the Chapter House, the return of our Charter, and the reinvigoration our alumni. Now it's time to take it one step further and develop another great thing: an alumni chapter. As we all know, Kappa Sigma did not end when we received our diploma. Kappa Sigma is for life, with all the memories of good times and bad.

So, coming this April—the new Chi Alumni Chapter, for all former Chi actives, graduates or not (hey, interested Kappa Sigs from anywhere). This chapter will have one goal—continuing our brotherhood beyond the college years. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. It is time for the Chi Chapter to become the strongest not only within our own fraternity, but among other brotherhoods world-wide.

We expect to organize two or three opportunities each year to gather together and renew the bond. Certainly, Homecoming will be our most important event; this year it will be on Saturday, September 28th, the Minnesota game. A spring or summer event could also be a lot of fun, especially for the golfers. Purdue's championship courses are worthy challenges for all ages.

Brothers who are interested in helping us organize and plan should email Brother James Shively '00 at xomceo@hotmail.com.

#### Chi Alumni Website at www.ChiKappaSigma.org

Access our alumni directory (user name & password: aekdb) to view chapter information, see a calendar of upcoming alumni activities and update your directory.

## Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Education Foundation, Inc. Designated as a 501(c)(3) entity by the IRS

After three years since our application was submitted to the IRS, the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation, Inc. has finally received the 501 (c)(3) status that allows us to accept 100 percent tax-deductible donations. We would especially like to thank Brother Lloyd Zickert '45 for his efforts and funds he expended to pay the Foundation attorney.

We would also like to thank everyone that made a pledge to the Foundation for their patience on this matter. If you have made a payment to the Foundation in the past three years, your gift will still be tax-exempt. If you have any questions on this matter please contact Tony Marksch at (800) 228-7326 ext. 22 (Tony@FMGTucson.com).

The Educational Foundation exists to provide educational benefits to our undergraduate members. The contributions collected in this fund will provide grants for facilities, services or goods for the benefit of our members where the benefit is similar to those provided by Purdue for the education of its general student body. It will also provide grants for scholarships to our members.

If you would like to make a donation to the Foundation for a tax-deduction please follow these instructions:

Make your check out to "Chi Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation" and mail to:

Chi Campaign P.O. Box 8154 Lafayette, IN 47903

The tax id number is: 35-2048347

For those who would like to transfer stocks, here is the information:

Salomon Smith Barney Acet # 254-01234-17-035 233 S. Wacker Drive #3400 Chicago, IL 60606

If you prefer, you can also request to have the shares sent via the DTC system, Our DTC number is 0418.

To wire funds into the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation, Inc.:

Chase Manhattan Bank
ABA #021000021, FBO Salomon Smith Barney
For Furthur Credit to Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma Educational Foundation
Acct # 254-01234-17-035

Please contact Brother Matt Brozovic '82 with any questions at (312) 441-3406 or mbrozovic@aol.com.

#### Help is still needed to pay our contractor and vendors!

To date, our construction and furnishing costs total nearly \$3 million. Thanks to the generosity of 348 Chi alumni and friends, we have raised \$2,346,464 towards these costs plus an additional \$268,000 for future scholarships. We still have a shortfall that requires additional pledges and payments. Contractors and vendors are currently owed \$130,000, in addition we need funds for furniture and to pay a portion of the \$400,000 in short term bank financing. If you currently owe money on a pledge, please make your payments in a timely fashion and consider paying ahead. If you haven't made a pledge, please join your 348 brothers and become part of our success. To make a pledge please contact Tony Marksch at (800) 228-7326 ext. 22 (Tony@FMGTucson.com) or fill out an on-line pledge form at www.chikappasigma.org.

# A L U M N I S I I

Charley Alter '41 graduated in 1943 with a degree in electrical engineering. He then entered the Army and served two terms. After his military service, Brother Alter went back to school at both MIT and Harvard, where he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering. He and his wife, Mary, have had seven children and are both retired. Brother Alter enjoys amateur radio and golfing. He stays in touch with fellow Chi Chapter alumni on a monthly basis. (2505 31st Avenue Court, Moline, IL, 61265-6943, H: (309) 762-6775, email: alter34@juno.com)

Joe Harshman '42 just cannot get away from the Chi Chapter – and he is certainly not complaining about that! As Chi Chapter Alumni Advisor, he has the pleasure of staying in direct contact with chapter alumni on a weekly basis. He considers his appointment to the position in 1995 a great honor. After graduating with a bacteriology degree in 1957, Brother Harshman began a prominent career in pharmaceutical sales, representing Parke, Davis and Company for 38 years. He retired in 1995. His wife, Beneta, and Brother Harchman have five children, Kemp (53), Mark (50), Debby (47), Malcolm (43) and Suzy (41). Both Mark and Suzy attended Purdue University. The other three graduate from Indiana, as did Beneta. (2100 North Cammack Street, Muncie, IN 47304-9764, H: (765) 358-4878, email: JoeHarsh@aol.com)

Alan Birchler '51 has not ventured far from Purdue University since graduating with a science degree in 1954 – at least not his love of Purdue football. He retired from Spicer Heavy Axle & Brake Division Dana Corporation in 1994, which has given him even more time to follow the football team. He has been a season ticket holder for a quarter century and for the past two seasons, he and other Kappa Sigma alumni have been attending together. Brother Birchler has four children, Ann (42), Tom (40), Nancy (39) and Bill (34). He spends half the year in North Carolina, spending as much time on the golf course as possible. For the other half, he lives in Sylvania, Ohio where he has stayed active with The Society of Automotive Engineers for over 40 years. (287 Knoll Road, Southern Pines, NC, 28387, email: alma@utinet.net)

Larry Frye '56 knows what needs to be done in order to stay on track. After two lackluster years at Purdue, he entered the U.S. Army. He graduated from Officer Candidate School and returned to the University two years later. With a new focus and change in career goals, Brother

Frye excelled academically and graduated with a Forestry degree in 1963. He quickly became a prominent player in the field of forestry, authoring the book "Hardwood Dollars and Sense" as well as revising two other publications. He and his wife recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have two children and two grandchildren. As Brother Frye creeps closer to retirement, most of his time is spent with his family. He has tried to stay in contact with the Chi Chapter alumni throughout the years. (35 Village Court, Zionsville, IN 46077-1845, H: (317) 873-5630, email: larryfrye@compuserve.com)

Thomas Bartlett '61 and his career took an interesting turn after he graduated with a life science degree in 1964. Immediately following graduation he joined the Peace Corps and served as a carpentry cooperative for two years on Chiloe Island, Chile. After leaving the Peace Corps he was drafted in to the Army, serving three years as a Signal Corps officer in the Panama Canal Zone. But the one mainstay in his life has been a consummate love of jazz. No matter where he was living during his tours, Brother Bartlett played trombone in numerous jazz bands. He and fellow band mates of the Salty Dog's Jazz Band, who got their start at Purdue, recently celebrated their 40th anniversary together. After working a number of sales and design jobs, Brother Bartlett has settled in as an elementary teacher. He stays active with Kappa Sigma alumni, and is very happy to see that the chapter is one on its way up. (418 South Fourth Avenue, Libertyville, IL, 60048-2917, (847) 362-1783, email: SLTYDGTB@aol.com)

David Danner '67 graduated in 1970 with an industrial engineering degree. He later earned a master's in the same field from Purdue and a PhD in systems engineering from Catholic University of America. Between his undergraduate and graduate degrees, he served in the U.S. Marine Corp, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He is currently president of IDEAMATICS, Inc., a systems integrator and provider of custom computer information systems. His corporation has developed all systems that mobilize the USMC Reserve for Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. Brother Danner and his wife, Pamela, have three children, Constance, a Purdue graduate, Laurel, and Morgan. In his free time, Brother Danner is involved with a number of organizations, including the McLean Youth Inc., Tysons Corner Rotary Club, and the Trinity United Methodist Church. (1119 Crest Lane, McLean, VA, 22101-1805, H: (703) 276-9478, email: ideamatics@mclean.va.us)

Andrew Mance '71 graduated in 1974 with an electrical engineering degree. He worked for Owens Corning until 1998 and then founded his own communications company. Since its inception, Brother Mance's company, which sells and installs business telephone systems and healthcare communications systems, has become an integral part of the healthcare industry in Northern Ohio. He and his wife, Melanie, have two sons, Tony (18) and Austen (7). Tony is a pledge at the Chi Chapter is having a lot of fun. Brother Mance enjoys hearing from other alumni, but most of his time is spent with his family and with his business. (6919 Perivale Park Road, Toledo, OH 43617-1218, H: (419) 841-7212, email: AM1052@aol.com)

Greg Wichmann '80 graduated in 1983 with a bachelor of science and later with a master's degree in agronomy in 1985. Since graduating, he has worked with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. He is currently as an area sales manager, located in Bloomington, IL. He and his wife have two children, Brad (15) and Michele (12). In his free time, Brother Wichmann enjoys scuba diving and golfing. He tries to stay in contact with the Chi Chapter alumni whenever possible. (RR 21 Box 222, Bloomington, IL, 61704-9821, H: (815) 872-8010, email: wichmann@phibred.com)

Rob Lantz '84 understands what it means when people say "it's not rocket science." After graduating in 1988 with a aeronautical and astronautical engineering degree, he has been working at the Kennedy Space Center. His main responsibility is to prepare the Space Shuttle Fleet for launch. He married his lovely wife Lori in 1994. In his free time, Brother Lantz enjoys launching bowling balls down alleys and golf balls down fairways. He stays in contact with fellow Chi Chapter alumni monthly and tries to get together with them annually. (413 Somers Creek Drive, Merrit Island, FL, 32952, H: (407) 454-9402, email: lantzwr@yahoo.com)

Matthew Hash '86 graduated in 1989 with a RHI management degree. After graduation he worked for the United Postal Service and Midwest Credit. He is now program manager for General Motors at the GMAC executive office in Detroit. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Michael (10) and Mark (9). When he is not busy raising his children, Brother Hash enjoys skeet and trap shooting, as well as hunting, fishing, and golfing. He keeps in touch with some Chi Chapter alumni over the telephone and occasional visits. (2179 Belle Vernon Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309-2128, H: 248-375-9177, email: mmhash@home.com)

Mark Sweeting '91 has seen the ups and downs of the Biology field since graduating with a biology degree in 1995. After taking a position as a lab technician at the Purdue Department of Med. Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, he became frustrated with the employment outlook in the field. In 1996, he took a job with the U.S. Marshals Service and was hired as a criminal investigator in New York City. After returning to Indiana in 1999, Brother Sweeting has recently completed the selection and training portion of the Special Operations Group, the U.S. Marshals national high-threat response team. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children, Jared (3) and the recently born Joshua. Brother Sweeting is interested in any upcoming chapter events and would love to be more active with the house. (693 North Valley Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46383, H: (219) 476-0707, email: sweetingm1@home.com)

Jason Sethi '93 is preparing for the "big-time." After graduating with an electrical engineering degree in 1996, he worked as a sales consultant for Oracle Corporation. He is currently a graduate student at Boston University's graduate school of business. He will graduate in 2003 with a master's in business administration as well as a master's in information systems. Right now he is busy trying to find an internship. Although he is not married, he says that will most likely change very soon. In his free time Brother Sethi enjoys playing soccer and attending hockey games. He hangs out with fellow alumni Jason Bigg '96, Ryan Cobb '96 and Joe Klecka '97 as much as possible. (75 Peterborough Street #118, Boston, MA 02215, H: 703-868-2361, email: jasonsethi@yahoo.com)

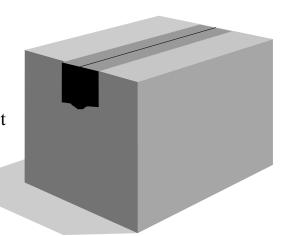
Jeff McCoy '93 has kept very busy since graduating in 1997 with a mechanical engineering technology degree. He went back home to Cincinnati after graduation and began working for GE Aircraft Engines as a part of the Technical Leadership Program. He also started an MBA program at Xavier University, which he completed in May 2000. A few months after finishing his master's degree, Brother McCoy married his wife, Andrea. Still at GE Aircraft Engines, Brother McCoy is now as a Six Sigma quality leader. His free time is spent playing baseball and soccer, as well as working on his house and playing around with his two dogs. He and a few other Chi Chapter alumni go snow skiing every year and attend Purdue football games. (3872 Isabella Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45209, H: (513) 731-2744, email: jjmac21@aol.com)

## 2002 Hall of Fame Nominations

We are looking for nominations for the 2002 Hall of Fame. Inductees are chosen based on success in careers, service to the community, and/or for service to the Fraternity. Email your nominations to Tony@FMGTucson.com or call Tony Marksch at (800) 228-7326.

# Call for Pictures

Are you hiding pictures of your time with Chi in some old box? If so, pull them out! The chapter is looking for pictures from the past and present to include in future newsletters. We will return all originals. Please send to Chi Photos, c/o FMG, 744 N. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705-8351.



**Note to Parents:** If your son is still attending the Purdue University, this newsletter is intended for you. He will receive a copy at the Chapter House. If he is no longer in school, please send us his permanent address. Thank you!

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