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Homecoming Ends Another Successful Year for Chi Chapter

Fall semester 2002 was another eventful period for our undergraduate and alumni brothers. Our undergraduate brothers continue to grow in many ways. With the beginning of the fall semester, they took over management of the dining facilities and are now running the bulk of the day-to-day operations of the house. I'm sure that all of you remember some of the challenges that come with running a Chapter House with over 70 occupants. The chance to run a \$500,000 business is a leadership opportunity that few undergraduates are afforded at Purdue. All of us alumni are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to more good things to come!

Fall 2002 also marked what many commented was our best Homecoming celebration yet. The Friday night banquet was well-attended and offered Chi brothers the chance to honor some of our most accomplished alumni. The pig roast on Saturday was a great chance to catch up with old friends. Many thanks go out to brothers Rich Tiller '83, Dave Corey '88 and Joe Harshman '48 for their organizational efforts toward the weekend. Our undergraduate brothers are also to be commended for being great hosts.

Congratulations to Bob Sorensen '60, who was recently elected the Alumni Brother of the year for Chi Chapter. Bob has been a driving force for the chapter since at least the early 1980s when I was living in the house. There is no telling where we would be without Bob, who is a truly deserving recipient of this award.

Looking forward, the House Association is working to establish a solid foundation for long-term excellence. Due to effective rush activity by our undergraduates, we will have 74 occupants in the house this spring. Occupancy levels like this will allow us to develop a building replacement fund to maintain the top facility on campus. Our next big challenge will be an overhaul of the kitchen, which is the one part of the Chapter House that was not a part of the major renovation.

Please feel free to stop by the Chapter House any time that you are in the West Lafayette area. If you haven't visited yet, you will be proud of both the house and the men who live at 308 North Street.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we are continually looking for new alumni who would like to devote a little of their time to this worthwhile cause. You can reach me any time at (219) 531-6621. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and memorable 2003.

AEKΔB,



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A Note From The Undergraduates

We started the fall with a wonderful gift from our Delta pledge class, a granite sign for the front yard that will serve as a beautiful marker for a stunning house. The new Epsilon pledge class shows wonderful promise; with numbers in the mid-twenties and a tough work ethic, the class should prove to be one of our best pledge classes. As the years go on, our pledges keep getting stronger and, in turn, our house becomes better.

Chi Chapter has enjoyed a lot of success this semester. At the Homecoming Banquet, the Chapter received three Area Three awards for the 2001-2002 academic year: Academic Average above All Men's Average, Most Improved Recruitment/Membership and the Largest Number of Pledges. These awards are only a token of what is to come from this Chapter on the rise.

Another highlight of the semester was a visit from one of our most distinguished alumni, Gordon Binder '54. Brother Binder was invited to Purdue for the "Old Masters" program and took time from his busy day to sit down with several of our brothers and reminisce about his youth and time at Purdue. Brother Richard Freeman '47 was instrumental in founding this excellent Purdue tradition while he was a Chi undergrad in 1947.

With a wonderful new Executive Committee and new brothers, the house has a great future. The brothers are excited and would love to share it with our alumni. If you are ever in the area, you can be assured of a warm welcome. Please stop by so we can show our pride to you personally.

AEKDB,

Seth Bogin '00, Past Grand Master



Chi Chapter Undergraduate Officers

Office	Name	Class	Major	Home Town
Grand Master	Matthew Konopka	Alpha	BCM	South Bend, IN
Grand Procurator	David Beseda	Beta	EE	Naperville, IL
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2002 Chi Chapter Man of the Year



*Chi Chapter 2002 Man of the Year.
Bob Sorensen and Linda*

Robert Sorenson '60

As an undergraduate and alumnus, Brother Sorenson has embodied the values and morals of Kappa Sigma both on campus and in the community.

Brother Sorenson was born and raised in Oak Park, Ill., before moving to West Lafayette during his sophomore year of high school.

After attending Northwestern and pledging Kappa Sigma, Brother Sorenson decided to return home. He transferred to Purdue, where he became a part of the Student Union Board and pledged the Chi Chapter.

While at Purdue, he earned the Iron Key – the school's highest student activity honor – before becoming class valedictorian and graduating with a Bachelor of Science in industrial management.

Though Brother Sorenson returned to Northwestern as a graduate student – he earned his Master's in business administration – he has always remained a Boilermaker at heart.

He returned to West Lafayette to earn a Master's degree in Financial Control, and his PhD in Education.

Professionally, Brother Sorenson hasn't strayed far from his roots.

In 1972, he became Purdue University's Comptroller, a position he held until 1984. Presently, he serves as chief financial officer for Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette and as chief information officer for the Ivy Tech State College system.

But it's more than his impressive merits that make Brother Sorenson Chi Chapter's Man of the Year.

Brother Soreson's dedication to the community and his continuing service to Kappa Sigma that has set him apart from others.

As an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, Brother Sorenson has served as a cubmaster, scoutmaster, council chairman and area president. He contributed to the Boy Scouts' World Jamboree in Chile in 1999, and will spend this Christmas in Thailand.

An involved member of numerous boards, he has also earned the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards for his dedication to the scouts.

As an involved alumnus, Brother Sorenson and his wife, Linda, have served as advisors to the Purdue Mortar Board Chapter and served as founders of the Greater Lafayette Area Mortar Board Alumni Chapter.

He has also remained incredibly loyal to the Chi Chapter as an alumnus.

As someone who "understands the process," Brother Sorenson has become a fixture among Purdue alumni and is someone who can always be depended on to fulfill his promises.

He was an alumnus advisor from 1966 to 1975, and has been actively involved with the Chi Chapter House Association's board of directors for 29 years. He is currently an executive assistant associate advisor, and attends nearly every chapter executive committee meeting.

He and Linda are the parents of two grown children, Scott and Anne.

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Brothers Bud Pryor '45 and Byron Anderson '45 with Terri Pryor



Brother Mal Moore '50 and Shiela



Brother



House Board Chairman, Brother Mike Galt '82, delivers the State of the Chapter at the Homecoming Banquet.



Former Grand Master and new Alumnus James Shively '00 and his fiancée



Homecoming Banquet Keynote Speaker, Ray Pelletier



Brother

Homecoming 2002



Brothers Bill Brill '49, Richard Scharf '79, Dan Evans '49
and wife, Marylou



Standing: Brothers Steve Springer '67, Mike Eskew '68
Seated: Brothers Martin Reitz '67, Chuck Benner '66



Brothers Chuck Kirkpatrick '40 and Lew Heffner '49 and
Mrs. Heffner.



Brothers Herb Werren '51, Bruce Stuart '51, Arnie Cooper '52
and others visiting in the Chapter House Dining Room

2002 Hall of Fame Inductees



Brother Dan Evans accepts his election to the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame.

Daniel Evans '49

As an undergraduate, Brother Evans was part of a freshman class that had grown tremendously from previous years as World War II veterans returned after their duty. The Purdue enrollment skyrocketed to over 14,000 and housing was among the many programs that were at a premium. Brother Evans was able to find residence in the basement of a house on Maple Street, where he slept in make-shift bunks with seven other freshmen. Through a friend of his father, who was a Kappa Sigma, he was rescued and pledged during rush.

"These veterans in our house were so mature and like fathers to me," he said.

Although he focused much of his energy on academics, Brother Evans was also very involved in intramural sports. He helped lead the Chi Chapter to multiple championships in basketball between 1950 until 1952 and won backstroke, breaststroke and relay events in swimming. Outside of Kappa Sigma, Brother Evans also was a captain of the Purdue tennis team in 1952. Adding to a long list of extracurricular activities, Brother Evans was a member of the University Choir. He and the Chi chapter performed "South Pacific" with the Chi Omega sorority at Music Hall.

As a professional, Brother Evans has seen great success since graduating with a Bachelor of Physical Education degree in 1952. Following graduation, he won a scholarship to attend the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a graduate degree in Physical Therapy. After graduating from Indiana Medical School, he embarked on a prominent career in ophthalmology. Brother Evans owned and operated Evans Eye Clinic from 1965 until 1992. In 1978, he and his wife and youngest son spent two months in India doing cataract surgery and teaching modern techniques to the Indian Ophthalmologists.

He was also a clinical assistant professor of Ophthalmology at Indiana University School of Medicine from 1989 until 1992. As an alumnus of Purdue, Brother Evans has shown notable loyalty, evidenced by the Honorary Doctorate of Laws awarded to him in 1988 and his work as a member of the Purdue Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1992. Brother Evans served as Board President in 1992 and as President of the Indiana-Purdue Calumet Campus Advisory Board from 1973 until 1988. During this time, he was also a generous contributor to the Chi Chapter alumni association.

Charles Benner '66

Brother Benner, known as "Styx" during his college days, went through quite a change professionally 20 years ago. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree with honors in Chemical Engineering in 1969, he spent his first 11 years out of college in sales and distribution. Although he found great success in the business, he turned to a new field and a new future in 1980, when he graduated Cum Laude from Fordham University Law School at the age of 33 and began a second career in Real Estate law. He currently practices at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, where he is less than two hours away from his daughter Kate, 20, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He and his wife Gwen's son, Casey, is a 16-year old sophomore at Shorewood High School.

Brother Benner has taken time in his schedule to participate in community activities that hit close to home. He is a former member on the Board of Directors for Independence First, a non-residential community living center that aids individuals with disabilities in the metro Milwaukee area. Through his leadership and dedication, the center has helped thousands of people acclimate to a world that is often difficult for those in their situations. Brother Benner is a past president of the Shorewood Little League and a former board

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*2002 Hall of Fame Inductee
Chuck Benner visits with
friends at the Chi Chapter
Hall of Fame*

member for the Milwaukee Management Support Organization. Once again, he has not strayed far from the characteristics that have made him a leader in both life and within the Chi Chapter.

As a member of Kappa Sigma and the Chi Chapter, Brother Benner displayed a knack for professionalism and maturity. Gaining his roots during pledgship, when he was Pledge Class President, Brother Benner led by example. His dedication to academics was also tempered with his strong social skills. He spent countless hours helping his brothers become better students and men.

As a deserving inductee to the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame, Brother Benner's loyalty to the chapter has come full circle. Taking a page from the elder members during pledgship, he provided others with an important example to follow as an active member. Now as an alumnus and member of the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame, Brother Benner has a new, larger group of men in which to inspire. Hopefully, those who follow in his footsteps will feel the same love for the chapter as he and in turn, attempt to give back to others in a similar fashion. Humble and honest, Brother Benner wrote, "I truly

consider most of those guys a 'brother,' even more so than some of my siblings. I truly enjoyed my four years at Chi."



David Derrick '66

For the past 25 years, Brother Derrick has put his degrees in Civil Engineering to use as the founder, owner and president of Derrick Engineering. The firm has done over \$100 million worth of water supply and wastewater treatment projects for dozens of small communities in Kentucky and Indiana.

While his business undoubtedly requires a great deal of his time and energy, he has still found time to give back to his community and the causes he believes in. For the past 10 years, Brother Derrick has been an Assistant Scoutmaster and is currently the Troop Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 30, Kentucky's largest troop. Conservation

is also a cause close to his heart, as his position of National President of the American Cave Conservation Association would suggest. He is also a former officer in the Sierra Club and is currently an Outing Leader for the environmentalist organization. Brother Derrick also served as Chairman of Louisville's Otter Creek Park Board of Commissioners.

Furthermore, Brother Derrick is a Flight Leader for the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagle Program, which has allowed him to give introductory flight instruction to over 100 aspiring pilots.

During his time at Purdue, Brother Derrick pursued a wide range of interests. He was the Grand Master of Ceremonies in the Chi Chapter for two years. He was a varsity swimmer and rower, a reporter for The Exponent and a member of the Navy ROTC. As an alumnus, he is a member of the School of Civil Engineering Advisory Committee.

Brother Derrick and his wife Ann have two children, Brad, 21 and Kate, 18. Brad, currently an active in the Chi Chapter, has continued in his father's legacy at Kappa Sigma.

Brother Derrick credits the Chi Chapter with helping him build values, character, social skills and a bond with his Brothers at a formative time in his life. He is also happy to see the recolonization efforts of the Chi Chapter have been successful, and is proud to see his Chapter reclaim its former position of prominence on the Purdue Campus.

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Homecoming Banquet Chairman Brother Rich Tiller accepts his election to the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame.

Samuel Rich Tiller '83

Rich Tiller '83 may deal with motivational speakers for a living, but he hardly needs one to remind him of how much Kappa Sigma means to him.

Since graduating from Purdue in 1986, Brother Tiller has served on numerous boards, authored the code of ethics for the speaker's bureau industry and founded the Tiller Group, a company that schedules motivational speakers and sports and other celebrities for corporations.

None of it, he says, would be possible without the values he learned in the Chi Chapter. While at Purdue, he forged a strong relationship with his Brothers, especially Pledge Pop Mike Galt '82.

As an undergraduate, Brother Tiller served as his pledge class' song leader and a member of the house cook search team.

But more importantly, Brother Tiller served as an integral member of the Chi Chapter, a group that he still considers his second family. In January of 1984, he won a trip to Italy

based on sales from his summer employer. While in Italy, he could not pass up a side trip to Bologna where he purchased bottles of wine labeled with "Basilica di San Petronio." These two bottles of wine were shared between 75-plus brothers as a form of communion during the initiation ceremonies the next month.

Professionally, the business and personal skills he learned in the Chi Chapter have paid off greatly.

After serving as the president of the Employer Hosting Organization and as a teaching assistant in Purdue's School of Agriculture, he became the managing director of the Professional Speakers Network, a position he held from 1985 to 1994.

While with the network, he served on numerous boards. In 1988, he served as the co-chair of the Indianapolis Arthritis Association's Corporate Giving Fund Drive, and volunteered for the Bureau Division of the National Speakers Association in 1986. In 1992, his good works and professional success helped him earn the Palmer Award, given for outstanding contribution to the speaking industry.

Two years later, he founded Tiller Group Inc., and went to work scheduling celebrities, humorists and other nationally known speakers to help bring companies closer together. Eight years and 3,400 meetings later, Brother Tiller still serves as the company's president while managing to stay close with his Chapter. Additionally, in 2000, he served as a member of the Campaign Dinner Planning Committee and the emcee of the dinner itself. Personally, Brother Tiller reflects the values he learned among in the Chi Chapter. A proud father, Brother Tiller and his wife Julie spend a lot of their free time with their children, 7-year old Clark and 4-year old Megan.

Even as he gets older and settles into fatherhood, Brother Tiller looks back on his days in the Chi Chapter with fondness.

"It's great to have a long-lasting relationship with a group of quality men," he said. "Kappa Sigma has been a great second family to me."

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email addresses!**

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