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2008 Hall of Fame and Man of the Year Inductees

We enjoyed one of our largest turnouts yet for the 2008 Man of the Year and Hall of Fame inductions led by a big undergraduate turnout. Over 150 Kappa Sigma Brothers attended the banquet March 1st. The evening was a great time for alumni to visit with old friends and for young and (somewhat) older Kappa Sigmas to become acquainted.

Taking a lead from the 1981 pledge class, the two pledge classes from 1982 had a number of brothers return for a 25th reunion. It was a nice opportunity for everyone to catch up with each other and discuss what has changed and what has remained the same (some things never change!) in the last 25 years. Hopefully other pledge classes can take advantage of this event each winter to celebrate milestone anniversaries.



Our two Hall of Fame inductees this year were Joel Bates from the class of 1953 and Roger Mayes from 1966. We were very pleased that these brothers made the trip to West Lafayette from the states of Texas and Idaho respectively. Each of them used the trip back as an opportunity to reunite with family members and old friends. Both inductees had excellent messages for our undergraduate brothers tying their personal, career, and Kappa Sigma experiences together nicely. Please take a minute and read about both of their backgrounds on the enclosed pages. Thank you again brothers Bates and Mayes for your attendance and your words!

Our 2008 Man of the Year was Mike Griffin from the class of 1990. Mike has been involved with our chapter in numerous capacities non-stop since his undergraduate days. He has seen some of our chapters "worst of times" and now some of the "best of times." Mike has also been a DGM for our International Fraternity and has helped numerous other Kappa Sigma chapters in Indiana. When you read about Mike's background you will see that he ultimately chose small business ownership as his career, which meshes well with his family and Kappa Sigma priorities. Again, Mike, thanks for your contributions over the years and, of course, the coming years!

For those of you with busy calendars, we have already scheduled the 2009 Man of the Year and Hall of Fame banquet for Saturday, February 28. Mark it down and make the trip, even if it is only for the evening. You will have a great time and you will be proud of what your fraternity has become!

Chi Alum,

The Chi Chapter finished yet another busy semester marked by several accomplishments and successful events. Remaining diligent to our studies, participating in philanthropies on campus, competing in intramural leagues, and leading organizations at Purdue remains our latest trend and we look forward to continuing this in the future.

One of the highlights of this semester was the special initiation of seven gentlemen on April 13th. The Supreme Executive Committee recommended these individuals, and asked the Chi Chapter to initiate them into the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. These men had all pledged Kappa Sigma in college but were stripped of their initiations due to the fraternity being placed on colony status or simply being improperly removed from pledgship. Some of the gentlemen had technically been pledges for almost five years! Chi gladly stepped up and fulfilled their dreams of being a lawful member of Kappa Sigma.

We are thankful of our National Foundation at this time of year because they have sponsored five active members to attend the Undergraduate Intrafraternal Institute at Purdue University this summer. This is a nationally ranked leadership conference that, for the first time, will be composed of just Purdue students and staff. The members will attend this five day retreat and learn ways to better the Greek Community at Purdue and effectively manage their own chapters. If that wasn't enough, we have eight actives who will be attending the National Eastern Leadership Conference this summer in Richmond, Virginia. While there, our members will visit East Lawn, National Headquarters, and the Archives as well as many break-out sessions throughout the weekend with Kappa Sigmas from all over the country.

As the semester ends, Chi is already looking forward to the next. With 42 new members from the fall, winter, and spring pledge classes, Chi has a lot of very young leaders who are already actively looking for ways to get involved. We expect to pick up where we left off and continue our success on campus.

As always, we couldn't be regarded as the best house on campus if it weren't for our Chi Alum who continually give to the house for improvements or scholastic needs. The countless donations and gifts are greatly appreciated, and we at Chi cannot express how much it has helped with recruitment, daily lifestyles, and overall appeal of the chapter on campus. We encourage all of our alumni to come back to Purdue and visit us. Whether it be for an initiation, Homecoming, or just to see the house, please feel free to always drop on by. Remember not for a day, an hour, or college term only, but for life, are you a Kappa Sigma and a member of Chi.

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2008 Hall of Fame Inductee Bios

Joel Bates '53



Chi Chapter and Kappa Sigma have held an important place in the heart of Brother Joel Bates '53 for 55 years now.

Fifty five years ago, Joel pledged Chi Chapter. The “fraternity sonny” of Joe Harshman '48 was extremely active as an undergraduate, taking advantage of the opportunities Chi and Purdue provided him. He served Chi as Grand Master, Social Chairman, Rush

Chairman, as editor of the Chi Agitator, and as Song Leader of the Chi chorus that finished 3rd in the all campus sing in 1956. He also represented Kappa Sigma on the Interfraternity Council and as a representative at the Grand Conclave, 1955, in Lookout Mountain, TN.

When not busy in one of his roles at Chi, Brother Bates was also recognized by Chi Epsilon, national civil engineering honorary, as well as Scabbard & Blade, a military honorary. He received the Purdue Order of Military Merit, was Best Cadet at ROTC Summer Camp, and, finally, Co-Chair of the Big 10 IFC-Panhellenic Conference in 1956.

After graduation, and a six month stint in the United States Army, Joel went to work for Esso Standard Oil Co. in 1956. He received a Teagle Scholarship from Esso and went back to school – this time at Cornell- to earn his M.B.A.

His career track followed many paths. Brother Bates spent time with Westinghouse Electric Corp. in the Transportation Division; with Gerald D. Hines Interests, Houston, as a project developer; and Vice President and General Manager for Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering in Houston. He also served as the Vice President of Corporate Development for Brown & Root, Inc. before going to work with ExxonMobil Power, where he led development of a 750 MW power generation project in the U.K. In 2001, he retired from ExxonMobil Power as a vice president.

An alumnus of Chi and Purdue, he's been a life member of the Purdue Alumni Association, a member of the President's

Council, the Griffin Society, and attended his 50th class reunion celebration. He's also been a loyal supporter of Chi and the Building Fund. He'd like to give back more frequently to the chapter's annual homecoming festivities.

Brother Bates has also been involved with his church – including launching a church sponsored program in 2002 offering job search skills development for those who had been either laid off or downsized. Almost 200 have gone through this no-cost program to date and are working.

“Chi and Kappa Sigma mean a great deal to me. I have a lifetime of great memories, many long-term friends, was provided countless leadership opportunities and challenges, and have a place we can always come back to. We must keep Chi strong to carry on the brotherhood!”

Roger Allen Mayes '66



Brother Roger Allen Mayes '66 has a resume that gives new meaning to the word “impressive.” Currently he is serving as the Director of Education Programs for the Idaho National Laboratory, having over 31 years of experience working with the United States Department of Energy and its facilities.

In his current capacity, he coordinates the continuing undergraduate and graduate education of INL employees, manages 250 interns per year in order to give them experience in the rapidly advancing field of nuclear science, and helps maintain close ties between INL and a number of universities nationwide. In the past, as director of the ES&H division at the Department of Energy's Chicago Operations Office, he juggled such diverse responsibilities as nuclear and reactor safety, industrial hygiene, fire protection, environmental compliance, and radiation protection.

Despite his heavy workload, Mayes manages to devote a great amount of time to volunteer work: he chaired a capital expansion campaign at the historic First

Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls, annually helps collect and deliver food and Christmas gifts to over 400 needy families, and is managing the Eastern Idaho Technical College Scholarship Fund Drive. He is married to the Rev. Pamela W. Mayes, and they have two children: John Ferree, age 29 (wife Kelly), and Christopher Ferree, age 27.

Brother Mayes spent quite a bit of time at Purdue, where he received his B.S. in biology, his M.S. in radiological sciences, and his Ph.D. in environmental sciences. His memories of Purdue are centered around his involvement

with the Chi chapter, where he served as a House Manager and member of the go-cart crew.

When asked, he has this to say about his brothers: "My experiences at Chi were among the most meaningful of my life in terms of the brotherhood and long-lasting relationships with many of my pledge brothers. Even today when groups of us are able to get together at Homecoming or other events, the distance and the years are quickly forgotten and it feels as though we are still as close as when we were living in the house together."

Chi Chapter Man of the Year

Mike Griffin '90



Brother Mike Griffin '90 has been committed to Kappa Sigma since his initiation.

As an undergraduate, Brother Griffin served as Rush Chair for two semesters and held the position of Grand Master of Ceremonies. Following his graduation in 1996, he married Stephanie and embarked on a career in sales. He spent time with newspaper advertising for the *Lafayette Journal and Courier*, as well as *The Indianapolis Star*. He then moved into natural gas sales and marketing for Cinergy and ProLiance Energy.

Mike summed up his years in sales rather succinctly, "I was salesperson of the month a bunch of times. It wasn't

very interesting, really. Most significantly, I made lots of money for other people. I'm much happier in my current position!"

Brother Griffin is president of BGBB, Inc., and owner/operator of Southport Dairy Queen. He is also the plumber, grill cook, and camp counselor.

Mike and Stephanie have two children: daughter Megan, 7, and son Michael, 4. "Both are charming and wonderful beyond expression," beams the proud father.

Even when he was working hard chasing down sales leads or up to his elbows in Oreo Cookie Blizzard orders, Mike has always made time for Kappa Sigma.

As an alumnus, Brother Griffin has served as both Assistant Alumnus Advisor and Alumnus Advisor to Chi Chapter, DGM Indiana District from 1996-2001, Alumnus Advisor to Alpha-Pi Chapter, Vice President of the Beta-Theta House Corporation, President of the Chi House Corporation, and as Incorporator and Treasurer of the Chi Educational Foundation. In 2007, Mike received an Outstanding Alumnus Advisor Award at Kappa Sigma Grand Conclave.

Brother Griffin is also a 2004 inductee into the Chi Chapter Hall of Fame.



Alumni Updates

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Harold is the retired President of Deerfield Developers, Inc. He now lives in Virginia with his wife Terry.

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John H. Edris Jr. '47

Formerly an attorney, Jack is enjoying retirement in Tucson, Arizona. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two grown children.

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Gordon Binder '54

Always keeping busy, Gordon is a managing partner at Coastview Capital, has three sons, and has still found the time to write a book, entitled Science Lessons: What the Business of Biotech Taught Me About Management.

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John B. Gordon '62

Recently retired, John and his wife Helen enjoy traveling the world as "homeless wanderers", in his words. If you've ever in D.C., he'd love to meet at Billy Martin's Tavern and catch up!

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Greg Hastings '68

Greg spends his days seeing the country as a pilot for Southwest Airlines. He and his wife Beth make their home down South in Tennessee.

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Kevin Rusnak '80

A former paratrooper, Kevin has been married for 23 years, has two grown children, and says he is "definitely not the same guy my brothers remember from the early '80's."

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Robert Greg Wichmann '80

Greg is currently the Business Director of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, as well as a husband and father to two grown children.

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Amery Vasso '82

After 23 years in the Army, Amery now works as a Senior Analyst at K2 Solutions and has three children. He is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Homeland Security.

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Brian and his wife Kelli live in Wisconsin with their 6 children, whose ages range from 4 to 18 (poor guy). He is currently employed as a Training Mercenary for Sentry Insurance.

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William "Sam" Orr '84

Sam works as a Director of Quality at Seradyn, and enjoys spending time with his wife Susan and their three children. His advice to current undergrads: "Enjoy the time and cherish the brotherhood of Kappa Sigma!"

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Rice Berkshire '87

An avid golfer, Rice hit the best drive of his life at the Mother Theresa Golf Tournament in California, but was overshadowed by the pro he was paired with! He is married to Ann Marie and has two children.

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Dr. Brent Blackwell '90

Brent is an Assistant Professor of English and Holocaust Studies at Ball State University, and he is working on writing his first novel. He and his wife, Audrey, often participate in ballroom dancing competitions.

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John Yates '92

You think your job is exotic? John is serving as a consultant to the Ministry of Finance. The Bosnian Ministry of Finance, to be exact. As he says, "It's a long way from Indiana."

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Matthew E. Morgan '02

Matt graduated in May from Indiana University with both a J.D. and M.B.A. In September, Matt will begin work as an associate attorney at Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis, IN. Matt invites any brother interested in attending law school or business school to get in touch with him. Additionally, anyone looking to catch up should feel free to e-mail Matt.

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