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## Chi Brother Elected Student Body President



*Purdue Student Body President  
Matt Morgan '02*

With his election as Purdue's Student Body President, Brother **Matt Morgan '00** proved that Kappa Sigmas truly are university leaders.

Morgan, a junior in the School of Liberal Arts, has been extremely busy since the election last month, but said he owes much of his success to the Chi Chapter.

"The brothers of Chi were an amazing help to my campaign," Brother Morgan said. "I really do not believe I could have won without their dedicated support and tireless efforts. The campaign was more than just a personal effort; it was, without a doubt, an entire house effort. This was, without a doubt, a team effort."

Together, Brother Morgan and the Chi Chapter helped swing the greek vote in his direction, a fact the new president is definitely proud of.

"Purdue has one of the largest greek systems in the country and the support of the greek community is always important," he said.

"In terms of the sheer number of votes, the greeks cannot win the election, but their support and the extensive network of communication that the community provides was a great help during the campaign. My running mate and I received the full backing of our greek system, and we felt that was definitely a turning point in the election."

The new Student Body executive board will have a distinct Kappa Sigma feel, with Chi Brother **Brent Clark '01** serving as Student Body Treasurer. Brother **Marty Roeder '01** was also an important part of the campaign, serving as Matt's campaign manager.

Together, they organized a seven-point campaign platform designed to serve Purdue students' needs, issues and requests. For starters, Brother Morgan will start a student-based Web site designed specifically for students. The University administration has already green-lighted the plan.

For now, Brother Morgan is busy booking meetings with Purdue's student body and administration and members of the West Lafayette community.

Though he has been familiar with the commitments of an elected official while serving as treasurer for the past two years, Matt has been floored by the sheer volume of interview and meetings requests.

"I knew there would be a substantial amount of meetings, but I did not expect the volume of requests," he said. "I knew how large the challenge was going into the campaign and was ready for it when I won."

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#### **Trustees:** Bob Sorensen '60

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# New Faces of Chi Alumni Leadership

## Jim Milner '79 Treasurer

Brother **Jim Milner '79** replaced a Chi Chapter legend when he took over for John McCammon as treasurer of the Housing Corporation earlier this year. And though

he has big shoes to fill – Brother McCammon served for nearly 40 years — Brother Milner is ready for the challenge.

As an undergraduate, he was one of the chapter's top students. He graduated with a degree in general management with an emphasis in accounting, and entered the working world. In 1988, he passed the CPA exam and began working for a public accounting firm based in Kokomo, Ind. In 1996, Brother Milner became the accountant for a small retail chain, and joined a Kokomo manufacturing company in 2001.

As treasurer, Brother Milner will take care of bookkeeping tasks such as making deposits and bill paying. The more important duties include budgeting, preparation of financial statements and tax returns. He will also meet and work with the board and undergraduates on financial issues. Don't expect any wholesale changes — Brother Milner said he's content building on the success of his predecessors. As a stickler for organization and time management, Jim plans on working hard and playing hard. "I don't think anything needs to be done differently," he said. "I believe that the current board is doing an exceptional job and I want to help continue that."

Being on the board will give Brother Milner a great excuse to return to campus on numerous occasions.

"By being on the board, this allows me to spend some time at Purdue and Kappa Sigma," said Milner, who lives 40 miles from West Lafayette. "I am on four boards of directors, and I am sure that I will get the most enjoyment from this experience. The best part of working with the board will be visiting the house and Purdue and working with everyone involved to keep the Chi Chapter financially viable."

Brother Milner and his wife Judy have three children: Tamra 32, Justin 30, and Jacquelyn, who is 17. When he's not busy working, he spends time as 'Grandpa Jim' to five grandchildren.

## Andy Smith '98 Resident Advisor

As resident adviser, **Andy Smith '98** is one of the guys. Sort of. Though he is just a year removed from graduation at the University of New Mexico, Brother Smith has to enforce the chapter's drug and alcohol policies while maintaining a close relationship with the brothers of Chi Chapter.

"There is a bit of a line there," Smith said. "It's one of the tough things to balance."

Brother Smith is no stranger to Kappa Sigma. As an undergraduate, the Albuquerque native was a member of the Delta-Zeta Chapter at the University of New Mexico, graduating with a degree in chemical engineering in May 2002. He did not live in the Delta-Zeta Chapter House as an undergrad, though he has remained close to his brothers before leaving more a year ago to pursue a master's degree.

After some deliberation, he chose Purdue, and has just finished his first year toward a material science degree. The major is similar to electrical engineering and is very math-and-science intensive.

He said his choice to enroll at Purdue was an easy one.

"I came to (West Lafayette) two summers ago for a research program, and it was kind of a recruitment program for their master's program," he said. "I had to get out of Albuquerque for a bit, and they had a 10-week program. It was great."

He is relishing the chance to finally live in a Kappa Sigma Chapter House, though it comes with some responsibility. In exchange for free room and board, Brother Smith is in charge of enforcing the Chi Chapter's policies and assisting with the day-to-day organization of the order. He also is actively involved with house maintenance, and specializes in fixing and replacing locks.

Though putting up with a cold winter has been especially challenging, Smith said he loves Purdue and hopes to one day earn a PhD from the school. For now, though, he's happy living in the house and enjoying the company of other Chi brothers.

"The people are a lot friendlier out here," he said. "It's a college town, not a commuter city."



*Thank you for your hard work.  
John McCammon*

A graduate of Indiana University and member of the Beta-Theta Chapter there, John McCammon has served Chi chapter with distinction for years, several as Alumnus Advisor, and in the past several years as Treasurer of the Chi Chapter House Association Board of Directors. John will be spending part of the year in Florida and is retiring on June 1 as Treasurer. Thank you, John, for your hard work and continued dedication to the Chi Chapter and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

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## GRAND MASTER REPORT

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Advancement has been the order of the day for the Chi Chapter of Kappa Sigma. Since the beginning of the spring semester in January, Chi has increased its campus and community in several areas. With an overall GPA of 2.768, Chi moved to 18<sup>th</sup> out of 42 fraternities in overall GPA and beat the All-Men's average (using the most recent corrected chapter roster). As mentioned on Page 1, Brother **Matt Morgan'00** was elected Purdue student body president in a March election and Brother **Brent Clark'01** was elected student body treasurer. Brother Morgan was one of four students vying for the position of president, but because of gaining crucial backing from IFC and other organizations, he won the election by a considerable margin. Both positions promise many possibilities for future advancement on Purdue's campus.

For the first time since the re-colonization of Chi, the house entered a cart in the annual Grand Prix Go-Cart race (*see page 6 for pictures*). Brother **Drew Kessler '01** built and drove the cart. Kessler also contributed a great deal of his own money to the project. When the first engine failed, Kessler used his own funds to purchase a replacement. Chi was also gained a sponsorship from Boiler Market, a local convenience store and market. On April 26, Kessler qualified for the final Grand Prix race, though he was unable to compete due to a mechanical error. He placed 26<sup>th</sup> out of 33 carts.



*Chi Chapter Eta Pledge Class*

On the philanthropy front, the Brothers of Chi took part in the Boilermaker Spring Community Day on April 5th. The event was a community service project run through the Boiler Volunteer Network. Chi Brothers took part in various service activities, including picking up trash, planting trees, and maintenance.

In my few years as a brother of Chi, I have seen enormous amounts of progress. We spent two years finding out how to be a fraternity, and are finally breaking through. This year - especially this spring - shows just how strong we have become and indicates what lies ahead. Involvement is one of our strongest attributes as we have over 90 percent of our brothers involved on campus and in our community. Matt Morgan has recently been inducted into Mortar Board along with **Omar Khayum'00**. Morgan and I have also been accepted into the Order of Omega, where I will be serving as Vice President. Our GMC, **Dave Wilson '01**, has been honored with the Skull and Crescent. **Ryan Lanis '01**, **Jeremy Tryba'01**, **Adam Kretz'01** and **Adam Bihary'01** have all been selected to serve on the Interfraternity Council. Several members of Chi are part of a prestigious management fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, including Khayum, who serves as president. Our brothers are part of many various organizations that promote education and leadership. Scholarship at the Chi House has gone from 14<sup>th</sup> on campus to 7<sup>th</sup> and is above all fraternity and men's averages. Membership is 100 strong and growing. The brothers enjoyed the grand prix with the women of Alpha Chi Omega, and will be looking forward to a football season with the women of Zeta Tau Alpha. Look for more great things from the brothers of Chi.

A.E.K.D.B.

Matt Konopka  
Grand Master, Chi Chapter

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## ALUMNUS ADVICOR REPORT

In early March, Brothers **Mike Galt '82**, **Kent Pierce '51**, **Scott French '81**, **Andy Smith '98** and **Joe Harshman '48** joined a few of the “about-to-graduate” Founding Fathers for a beer and dinner at the Lafayette Brewing Company (*top right*). It was a moment filled with nostalgia for all of us. Four years ago this September — seems impossible — we met with many of these men at Garcia’s Pizza to find out just what kind of men were asking to help us start a “new” fraternity.

We had great hopes for Chi but the prevailing wisdom suggested that we’d never recreate the halcyon years. Maybe we should have been amazed that nearly 400 alumni nevertheless made a tangible investment in this dream. Nobody knew what might reasonably be expected. We made the commitment, rolled up our sleeves and went to work, learning as we went.

This most recent chapter of our history has now been written, and it’s a good read. **Charlie Alter '43** said it best, words to the effect of “show me some proof and I’ll help”. He came to Homecoming 2002, liked what he saw, and presented the Grand Master real proof of his sincerity. I’ve asked several undergraduates where they would rank Chi among Purdue’s 40 fraternities. There seemed to be general agreement that Kappa Sigma is among the top five to seven, a position that makes us all very proud.

The active Chapter invites all alumni to recommend highly qualified Purdue students for Fall Rush. Send names and information to Joe Harshman, Alumnus Advisor, at [joeharsh@aol.com](mailto:joeharsh@aol.com) or **3126 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46228**. If available, include scholastic information, activities, interests and skills, as well as home and campus contact information. The chapter has vigorously pursued alumni referrals and pledges many of them



*Congratulations to Phi Alumni Advisor*

**Joe Harshman '48**

He is the recipient of **The Phillip Bowers Award** in recognition of service, commitment, and leadership to the Purdue Fraternity System. It was presented to the Outstanding Fraternity Advisor of 2002.

**Thank you for your continued support Joe!**

### *Chi Chapter Homecoming Celebration* *Saturday, October 4, 2003*

Alumni will find this new Homecoming feature ideal for meeting alumni of all generations as well as their undergraduate brothers. This year the banquet will be held on game day—Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>—and will be either a luncheon or dinner, depending on game time. A few very significant awards will be presented and the overall program will be considerably shortened. Historically game time is determined early enough to provide ample advance notice so watch for your invitation. Information will be sent via the mail and email this summer.

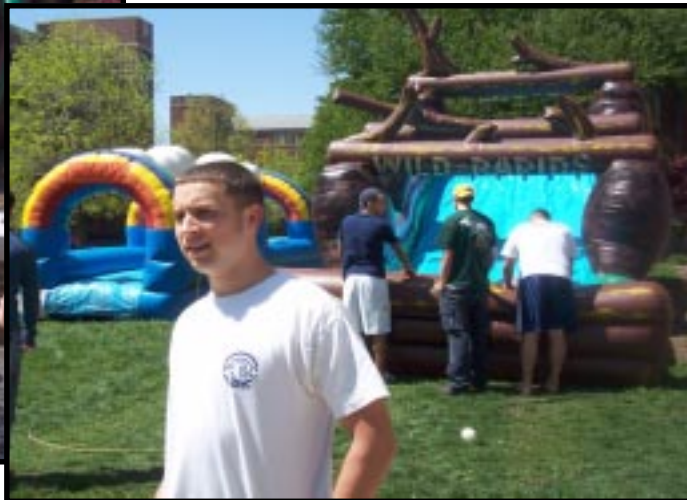
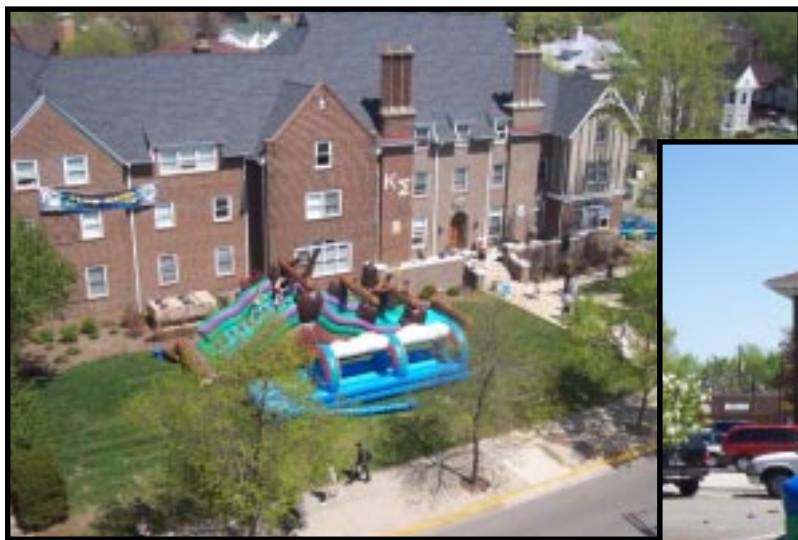
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# 2002 Chi Chapter Grand Prix

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The Chi Chapter was well represented in this year's Grand Prix, the "Greatest Spectacle in College Racing". The campus-wide go-cart race, held on April 26, marked the re-entry of Chi in the race since the chapter was re-chartered. Brother Drew Kessler '01 built and drove the Chi-cart. He didn't win the checkered flag, but he sure didn't come in last. The Chapter also did exceptionally well in the greek pairings and had the pleasure of spending the week with the ladies of Alpha Chi Omega.







# Alumni Updates

## News From Your Brothers Around the Nation

**Russell Hayes '28** is retired after spending a career as a practicing physician. He didn't always want to be a doctor: after graduating in 1931, Brother Hayes went to work for Procter and Gamble before attending medical school. After time in the US Army, he went to work at the University of Minnesota and the University of Texas. He and his wife Mary have two adult children. (5910 Over Downs Dr, Dallas, TX 75230, (214) 361-6727)

**Bill Brill '49** currently runs Brill Video Productions, where he directs and shoots documentary films. Before starting his own company, Brother Brill flew and sold twin-engine airplanes, and was part of an executive search business. He and his Carolyn have one son, Bill Brill II, and have been married for nearly 40 years. In his free time, Brother Brill flies planes, hunts and fishes. (7295 Lakeside Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 293-2211, [jwbrillsr@cs.com](mailto:jwbrillsr@cs.com))

**Bruce Stuart '51** is recently retired after a career as a high school guidance counselor and curator at the Cass County Historical Society. He went to work at Logansport High School after a stint in the Korean War, and stayed there for 33 years before retiring. He and his wife Mary have three grown children. In his free time, Brother Stuart reads, does yardwork and travels. (925 Timbercrest Dr. Logansport, IN 46947, (574) 722-3408, [mnbstu@Lneti.com](mailto:mnbstu@Lneti.com))

**Charles W. Morris '83** put his degree to good use, becoming a stockbroker before branching off into the world of financial consulting. Currently a venture capitalist and Managing Partner at Walnut Ridge Investments, Brother Morris enjoys harvesting timber and making furniture when he's not spending time with his wife Lindsey and their two children. They are expecting their third child in June. (6811 Forrister Rd Adrian, MI 49221, (517) 263-8955, [cwmorrisjr64@hotmail.com](mailto:cwmorrisjr64@hotmail.com)).



*Mike Galt '82, Andy Smith '98, Joe Harshman '48 and Scott French '81*

**Sam Orr '84** is now a Manager of Roche Diagnostics in Indianapolis, where he assures Roche compliance and safety per FDA regulations. He returned to Indiana 12 years ago after working for Abbott Labs in Chicago for three years after graduation. He and his wife Susan have three children. In his free time, Brother Orr coaches baseball, does yardwork, and looks after his kids. (5771b Meadowlark Pl. Camel, IN 46033, (317) 576-7123)

**Michael Cline '84** is project manager at American Consulting, Inc., where he designs transportation infrastructure projects. When he's not chasing after daughter Josey and son Elijah, he plays golf and reads. He and his wife Kimberly have been married for 13 years. (725 N Park Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46202, (317) 634-2126, [mccline@amercons.com](mailto:mccline@amercons.com))

**Christopher Wenaas '89** is now a Senior Financial Analyst for Safety-Kleen Corporation, where he is in charge of financial planning and analysis. He and his wife Paige have a daughter, Jenna Catherine, who is almost two years old. (10604 Brandenburg Dr., Frisco, TX 75035, (972) 377-9565)

# Getting in Touch ...and keeping in touch.

## We Need Your Email Addresses!

Communication is the key to a successful Alumni Association. And in today's world, e-mail is the best way to get in touch and stay in touch. We want to develop an up-to-date email database so the Alumni Association can provide you with various updates on upcoming events and developments within the chapter. Please get back to us and provide your current email address. Send it to our contact at Fraternity Management Group, Ty Young, [tyoung@fmgtucson.com](mailto:tyoung@fmgtucson.com).

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



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