

Purdue
University
CHI CHAPTER

5th Annual
Hall of Fame Reception



Kappa Sigma Fraternity

October 27, 2001
At the Chapter House



Hall of Fame Award

Conceived as a way of honoring Kappa Sigma and Chi alumni for outstanding achievements, the Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony has become an integral part of our tradition here at Chi.

Kappa Sigma is a fraternity with great pride and a tradition of excellence, and our many distinguished alumni have served to enhance this throughout the years. Chi, since its beginning in 1885, has seen many brothers rise to positions of great respect.

Inductees are among a select group of alumni. Recognition comes to those who have excelled in their career, in their service to the community, and/or to the Fraternity.

Each inductee will receive his name placed on the Hall of Fame perpetual plaque, to be prominently displayed at the Chapter House, and will also receive a personal plaque to take home.

Congratulations to all who have earned this honor.



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Welcome

Walt Myers '61

Introduction of Inductees

Joe Harshman '48

Walt Myers '61

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Gene Grotnes '48

Bill Schulenberg '48

John Haimbaugh '52

John McCammon '62

Men of the Year Award

Scott French '81

Mike Galt '82

Closing Remarks

Walt Myers '61

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Hall of Fame Inductees

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Daniel Evans '49

When Brother Evans strolled humbly to the entrance of Purdue University in 1948, he was introduced to a new life wrought with unforeseen challenges and experiences. When he left four years later, he walked out with his head held high, a new mature man ready to change the world. While a very active student with immense academic achievement, Brother Evans still attributes much of his success to the time spent at the Chi Chapter. He is a testament to the maturity and leadership of the entire Chapter as well as its desire to instill similar traits in all its members.

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, with seven other freshmen, where they slept in make-shift bunks. Through a friend of his father, who was a Kappa Sigma, he was rescued and pledged during rush. Brother Evans wrote that, "These veterans in our house were so mature and like fathers to me."

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, from 1950 until 1952, as well as in swimming when he won backstroke, breaststroke and relay events. Outside of Kappa Sigma, Brother Evans also was a prominent member of the Purdue tennis team and was elected team captain in 1952. Adding to a long list of extracurricular activities, Brother Evans was also a member of the University Choir. He and the Chi chapter also preformed "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. Later, 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, his wife and youngest son spent two months in India, doing cataract surgery and teaching the Indian Ophthalmologists modern techniques.

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 also 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.

Brother Evans sometimes finds it hard to believe that he has come so far since his initial days at Purdue and the Chi Chapter. It was an experience that has truly shaped not only his college life, but also many years afterward. Brother Evans and wife Mary Lou, a Purdue and Kappa alumna and former Purdue cheerleader, have three sons, Daniel, Shaun, and Matthew, and are currently enjoying the retired life in both Colorado and Arizona.

Charles A. Benner '66

Brother Benner, known as "Styx" during his college days, went through quite a change professionally 20 years ago. After earning his Bachelor's 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, 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's less than 2 hours away from his daughter Kate, 20, who attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He and his wife Gwen also have another child, son Casey, 16, who is a 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 also a past President of the Shorewood Little League and a former Board Member for the Milwaukee Management Support Organization. He again 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 D. 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 still finds time to give back to his community and the causes he believes in. For the past ten 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 youth 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 has continued in his father's legacy at Kappa Sigma, as he is currently an active in the Chi Chapter.

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 eminence on the Purdue Campus.

Samuel M. 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 based on sales to Italy from his summer employer. While in Italy, he could not pass up a side trip to Bologna where he purchased bottles of wine with the labels reading from the church where Kappa Sigma was founded – Basilica di San Petronio. These 2 bottles of wine were shared between 75+ 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."

PURDUE KAPPA SIGMA'S HONORED ALUMNI

Men of the Year

2000 Joseph Harshman '48

2001 Scott French '81

Mike Galt '82

Hall of Fame

1997 Elmer Oliphant '11

George Goodwin '27

James Hill '31

George Burnell '33

Robert Keim '39

Byron Anderson '45

Lloyd Zickert '45

Richard Freeman '47

Robert Covalt '50

Walt Houston '51

Jerry Albrecht '54

Gordon Binder '54

Kenneth Bishop '54

Daniel Meyer '55

Russell Maier '56

William Topercer '58

Robert Sorensen '60

Steven Springer '67

1998 John Feinler '47

Jack Houston '50

Kenneth Appel '54

Robert Schweikher '55

Alan Crebo '60

Walter Myers '61

Ronald Yara '66

Steven Beering '85

1999 Robert Landis '30

James Hunter '54

Walt Richey '54

Bruce Storm '56

Eric Wenaas '59

Michael Zachary '67

Michael Eskew '68

Jan King '68

2000 Joseph Harshman '48

Robert Jones '61

Charles Marshall '61

John Prentice '66

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“The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it. He must be a gentleman...a man of honor and courage...a man of zeal, yet humble...an intelligent man...a man of truth... one who tempers action with wisdom and, above all else, one who walks in the light of God.”