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THE CHI CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 29th marked the 10th Annual Chi Chapter Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, that was held at the Lafayette Country Club. This year marked the first time the banquet was held in the spring and nearly 100 brothers, alumni, and guests attended. Alumni and guests were able to visit the chapter house, tour campus, and catch up with old friends before the program began. As always, Rich Tiller '83 presided as the Master of Ceremonies. After the invocation by Grand Master of Ceremonies Sam Beard '04, the Chi alumni heard updates from Doug Kowert '60 on the House Association, Lloyd Zickert '45 on the Educational Foundation, and Mike Griffin '90 on the Alumni Advisory Board. Sach Pithadia '04, past Grand Procurator, was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Kappa Sigma Memorial Foundation. Bob Sorensen '60 was recognized for his many years of service to Kappa Sigma and received a Certificate of Recognition from the Supreme Executive Committee. Grand Master Sean Eckhart '04 presented the State of the Chapter address in which he detailed the chapter's many accomplishments over the past year.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees included Charles Aldag '52, Sam Smith '58, David Robinson '68, and Don Dunbar '81. Inductees were introduced by their pledge brothers. Charles Aldag '52 set the tone for the evening by explaining the four cornerstones of his success: his education, his family, his fraternity, and

his faith. Inductee Sam Smith '58 then expounded on the value of the friendships he formed while at Chi. He and his pledge brother and best man, Charlie Elderkin '58 (who also introduced him), are still close friends today in spite of their years in close quarters living in Washington, D.C.. After a three-tiered introduction by his fellow pledge brothers, inductee David Robinson '68 spoke of the value of honesty and integrity that helped shape his personal and public life. His advice to the undergraduates came from

Winston Churchill who said simply, "Never give up." Finally, inductee Don Dunbar '81 ended the evening with a short but humble speech in which he thanked his brothers and the Order itself, without which he would not have achieved his success in life – both personally and professionally. Don shared how he found community and purpose working within the chapter, and how this has become his model and guide through life.



Emcee Rich Tiller '83 and Dr. Arnold Cooper '52

Chi's Man of the Year, Joseph Harshman '48, passed away just a few short months prior to the April banquet, but he was felt throughout the evening. Since re-colonization, Joe has served as the chapter's Alumnus Advisor, and it was his leadership, enthusiasm, and guidance that helped Chi get where it is today at Purdue: standing securely at the top of the Purdue Fraternity system. Bob Sorensen '60 spoke of Joe and his impact on the chapter before Joe's son, Malcolm, accepted the award on his father's behalf. Malcolm spoke for the seven members of the Harshman family who attended the banquet. Malcolm stressed the

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State of the Chapter

If you had to pick one metaphor to best sum up the Chi chapter at this point, I think it would be a strong, healthy, and very ambitious caged lion. With all of our successes this past year, and with the unfortunate problems for a few of the other chapters in our Greek community, the Chi chapter has an amazing and ideal opportunity to come out next year and dominate on campus.

Last year, we said that Chi was steadily moving towards being the top chapter on campus. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I feel very comfortable writing to you today and saying that WE ARE at the top.

This year during rush, the Chi chapter saw over 220 individuals walk through its doors, and handed out 48 bids during three separate rush periods. Yes, that's correct, this year the chapter initiated a third winter rush period and pledge class in order to improve upon our membership, and also to better our chances for receiving the Kappa Sigma FACE award. Just recently, through our 60-day pledge program, the Xi class was initiated, preceded during the year by the Nu and Mu classes. All of the new men were carefully molded into great Kappa Sigmas through the use of our exceptional "Brothers in Action" program. We are already off to the best start in rush since Chi's re-colonization. We started a new summer rush program to get another leg up on the competition, implementing many new ideas from our recent Ambassador Program trip which I will touch on in a moment.

The morale of the chapter is extremely high for numerous reasons. One of the big contributors is Kappa Sigma's name plastered all over campus thanks to the substantial amount of involvement by our brothers. We currently have the highest membership percentage of any chapter on the Interfraternity Council. Some of those positions include: two IFC Board directors, three men on Greek Press, one on the Greek marketing team, and three men on the IFC Judicial Board, including one of the two chief justices. We also have multiple brothers in three of the most prominent Greek organizations on campus including Order of Omega, Gimlet, and Skull and Crescent. Aside from those groups, men in our chapter are also involved in over 80 other major organizations on campus.

Not only are we dominating off the field, we are also doing so on the field by annihilating the competition at intramurals. We finished in third place in the overall Greek standings for the year and completed a back-to-back-to-back three-peat championship in Greek softball.

Last fall we told you that Chi was committing itself to breaking last year's donations in its "Greater Cause" effort. Last year the chapter raised \$12,000, and set a goal of \$15,000 for the 2005-2006 school year. I am extremely happy to inform you that the Chi chapter raised over \$23,000 this past year, as a result of 7,006 volunteered hours by brothers. Those numbers put us first nationally for hours served, and fifth for money raised in Kappa Sigma's, "A Greater Cause" program. This winter the chapter hosted the "Second Annual Kappa Sigma Christmas Party." Once again, College Mentor for Kids provided about 80 participants. The children partook in games, crafts, a visit from Santa, pictures with live reindeer, and a story read by Purdue's 6' 10" wide receiver Kyle Ingham. Along with the festivities, we

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State of the Chapter continued

implemented a food drive and donated the food locally. This event was a huge success, earning recognition for Kappa Sigma on the local TV news and in the newspapers. We will continue this event next year and look forward to having bigger and better entertainment for the children.

One of Joe Harshman's last ideas before he passed was to develop an ambassador program for the men of Chi, in which leaders from our chapter would visit another top Kappa Sigma chapter and share ideas. This semester, Brother Andrew Branum and I took a trip to the Theta-Zeta chapter at Eastern New Mexico University, and came home with many great new ideas to integrate into our chapter to help us further our excellence.

If all of this doesn't say enough for our dedication to the house that the alumni built for us, Chi's ritual proficiency level is currently at 50% of its membership. This is the highest the RP level has been since re-colonization. The last accomplishment I want to talk about is probably one of our biggest transformations. In two years, the Chi chapter's academic standing has leaped from 30th to 2nd place out of the 44 fraternities, with a chapter GPA of 2.982. To put that into perspective, it is higher than the All-Men's average, the Purdue All-Campus average, and the All-Women's average.

All of these things that I have relayed to you contribute to the ultimate goal that was set by our chapter last year. That goal was to get the Kappa Sigma Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence, or FACE. We have the points tallied up and we expect to be honored with the award at the Eastern District Leadership Convention in Cincinnati.

It has been a fun and successful year and we are awaiting next year's arrival so we can quickly get back into the swing of things and improve upon our achievements even more.

I look forward to seeing you all next semester.

A.E.K.Δ.B.

Sean Eckhart '04
Grand Master, Chi

Awards Banquet 2006 continued



Mike Griffin '90 giving Bob Sorensen '60 his Certificate of Recognition



Don Dunbar '81 accepting the HOF award from Scott French '81



Lloyd Zickert '45 and Gene Grotnes '48

lasting and positive impact that the undergraduates of Chi had made on his father in his final years. In the re-colonization of Chi, Joe found new life and new purpose. His son's final words were fitting of his father's legacy to the chapter: "Carpe Diem!"

The evening was spent not just celebrating the accomplishments of the undergraduates, the Hall of Fame inductees, and the Man of the Year. The 2006 Chi Chapter Hall of Fame Banquet served a more vital function: renewing and cementing the bonds of brotherhood and friendship that span the decades and define our Order.



Dear Awards Committee,

On behalf of Purdue University, I would like to recommend the Purdue chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity for the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence. As the Associate Dean of Students, I have had many opportunities to observe the individual chapter members, the chapter programs, and the relationship with the local alumni volunteers. This chapter strives for excellence in every aspect of fraternity and campus life: leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship.

As the primary advisor to the Interfraternity Council, student government, and Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society, and with responsibility for all 750 student organizations, I am pleased to report that in every level of student leadership at Purdue, there are members of Kappa Sigma. Currently, Kappa Sigma has two officers on IFC, one in student government, and at least two members in Mortar Board each year for the past three years. Other honorable mentions are officers in the Engineering Student Council and Gimlet Leadership Honorary. This chapter values leadership within its own chapter and inspires its members to hold impressive leadership positions across campus.

The Purdue chapter of Kappa Sigma also excels in the classroom. Evidence of this success is its grade point average this past Fall semester. The chapter's GPA was a 2.9 on a 4.0 scale. This placed the chapter with a higher GPA than the All-Campus average, the All-Men's average, and the fraternity average. This is an impressive achievement and a testament to the quality of students this chapter recruits and the environments created within the chapter for all members. It is this record of achievement that is rewarded time and again when chapter members are invited to membership in prestigious honor societies like Mortar Board, Order of Omega, and Skull and Crescent.

When it comes to service and philanthropy, Kappa Sigma has a deep commitment to serving their campus and community. One particular program that stands out is their annual Christmas celebration for local children. The event has attracted a lot of attention because it is an extraordinary event with many special and creative details. The children spend an entire afternoon participating in arts and crafts, meeting live reindeer, eating lunch, visiting with Santa, and hearing holiday stories read by members of the Purdue football team. This event not only gives dozens of local kids a memorable time, but also attracts positive local media coverage. At a time when stories in the news are not always favorable, the attention this event gets benefits Kappa Sigma as well as our entire Greek community.

In the past year, I have personally been invited to speak to the members of the chapter on two separate occasions. The student leadership has been mature and dedicated. The student leaders create an environment that nurtures good students academically who value service and are encouraged to be leaders within and outside of the Greek community. They practice good fellowship: looking out for each other and holding each other to a higher standard of character. Much of their success can be attributed to the positive involvement of a few key local alumni volunteers.

The Purdue chapter of Kappa Sigma embodies all that is positive about fraternal life. The members, student leaders, and alumni volunteers understand, value, and promote scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. They exceeded expectations in the past and have achieved many notable accomplishments this year as well.

It is for these reasons and more that the Purdue chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity would be an ideal recipient of the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pablo Malavenda
Associate Dean of Students

Chapter Celestial...

Joe Harshman '48

This past January, we lost Brother Joe Harshman. His passing was sudden and unexpected. Joe was a 1948 initiate of the Chi chapter. Joe worked for Parke-Davis for 38 years as a pharmaceutical representative, retiring in 1995. He was married to Benita Kemp Harshman and they lived in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Brother Harshman was the chapter advisor, served on the House Association Board of Directors, and was an Educational Foundation Trustee. He renewed his involvement with the fraternity while the chapter was dormant and the rebuilding plans were first being made. His leadership, enthusiasm, and good humor made him a perfect Alumnus Advisor to the young men. To the undergraduates, Mr. Harshman was a grandfatherly figure who showed them the true meaning of fraternity.

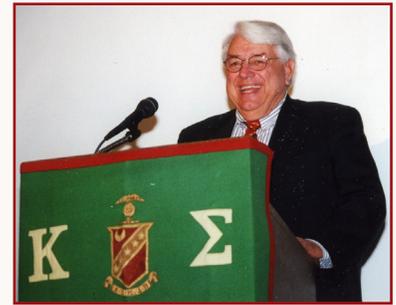
Joe was generous with his time, talents, and resources. His favorite meeting place was around a dining table, and many young brothers dined in style as they were pressed for their ideas and plans for the fraternity. Joe regularly attended Conclaves and was never prouder than watching our undergraduates accept awards and receive recognition for their accomplishments.



Benita Harshman and family with the national recognition from Kappa Sigma

On the personal level, Joe had an infectious sense of optimism and enthusiasm. He knew that the chapter could achieve all of the dreamy pie-in-the-sky ideals, and he was right. The early intentions for the re-chartered Chi were to build the right kind of chapter. As with all of life, the fraternity chapter is more than one man. However, we can easily state that the Chi chapter would not be the chapter it is today had Brother Harshman not served as Alumnus Advisor.

In recent years the chapter has grown to over 100 members, ranks second among fraternities in grades, and can easily be called one of the top fraternity chapters at Purdue, while standing out as one of the finest chapters in Kappa Sigma. Within the chapter we see the fruits of Joe's labor. His early expectations and high standards continue to be realized.



Joe Harshman '48 speaking at the chapter installation banquet in November 2000

Samuel Brubaker '53

Samuel C. Brubaker passed away at his home in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, on November 19, 2005 following a long illness. He was survived by his wife Jeanie of Mt. Pleasant, SC, daughter Sherry Ging of Charleston, SC, son Samuel C. Brubaker, Jr. of N. Charleston, SC, six grandchildren: Robby Brubaker of Honolulu, HI, Barry Brubaker of Pennsville, NJ, Bridget Brubaker of Pennsville, NJ, Michael Ging, Abby Ging, and Patrick Ging of Charleston, SC, great-granddaughter, Evelyn Mizuki Brubaker of Honolulu, HI, sister, Myra Ann Leo of Marmoro, NJ, and nephew, Joey Leo of Englewood, FL. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Buchanan.

Born on September 20, 1934 in Newburg, New York to the late Charles and Myra Smith Brubaker, Sam attended Penns Grove High School in New Jersey and received a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University. His career included working with the El DuPont company in chemicals, Bayer Chemical Company as plant manager in Charleston, and was the founder and owner of Blinds Plus in North Charleston. He was very proud of the legacy built through this window coverings company.

Sam was integrally involved in service to the communities where he and his family lived. He loved to travel, and enjoyed taking the "back roads" where the scenery unfolded. He also loved to follow sports, including Purdue's teams, as a source of enjoyment with family and friends.

Alumni Updates

Leonard Magazine '61

Lenny says, "Life is great. I really do live my bliss."

Lenny has no plans to retire. His business, Real Estats, keeps him busy two weeks a month. Real Estats has expanded to 20 counties in Oregon and Washington and is looking at Idaho. His customer base remains strong with most of his client/subscribers having been with his company for a decade or longer. It is better than Social Security for which he has not yet signed. Most of the company's clients are the major lenders, builders, developers and appraisers of residential real estate. Lenny said he actually uses math skills from his degree at Purdue, a B.S. in Mathematics.

Lenny and his wife, Susan, will celebrate 41 years of marriage in November. Susan is an avid quilter who donates her art quilts to charities. They are both active in the Broadway Rose Theatre Company, a regional theater group. They have two children, Rick (in Chico, CA) and Shari (married to Tony and living about 10 miles from them), and two grandchildren, Jacob and Tony, Jr. They also have three horses, three cats, and five acres to keep up.

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Master Sergeant Amery E. Vasso '82



Amery is still on active duty with the United States Army. He just completed 22 years of service and is currently serving with the Asymmetric Warfare Group based out of Fort Meade, Maryland. The photo shows Amery in Tikrit, Iraq. He returned in April after several months in-country.

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Thomas White '89

Thomas is living in Chicago and working as an equity options trader for SCMS LLC. He and his wife Krista have one child, Colin, age 3.

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Jeff McCoy '93

Jeff is currently living in Cincinnati with his wife, Andi, and their two sons Danny and Jake. Andi is a first grade teacher and Jeff is a professional curler, spending most of his time training for tournaments, and of course, the Winter Olympics.

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Michael O. Effner '94

Michael graduated in 1997 and is now living in Indianapolis, IN with his wife Erin. Michael is working for Covance Central Labs as Senior Manager of Finance.

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Bryan Searcy '01

Bryan Searcy graduated this past year and is now working as a Physical Therapist Aide for Athletico in Naperville, IL. Bryan and his wife Kate are living in Woodridge, IL and can be reached by e-mail, telephone, or mail.

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Joseph Mikol '03

Joe has only been back up to Purdue twice since graduating in '03. Life has been moving very quickly for him after graduating. He accepted a job with a small company in Georgia owned by another Purdue alumnus (Beta Theta Pi) that represents commercial food service equipment companies. He started in Atlanta to train and has since moved to Birmingham, AL where he is a territory manager for a majority of Alabama and the Florida panhandle. Joe got married last May and is enjoying life. Joe says, "I hope all is well at Chi...after I get my newbie trained and on his feet as my backup, I'll be able to travel a little bit more and get back to Purdue."

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Your brothers would love to hear about your family, career, hobbies, or any other interesting stories you may have. Please send your update to: Chi Updates, c/o Fraternity Management Group, 2660 North 1st Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719, or to craig.lowden@fmgtucson.com.

Thanks in advance for your submission!



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Alumni, parents, and undergraduates give to the Chi Chapter Educational Foundation in many ways: cash, securities, property, and planned gifts. While the gifts may come in different forms, the reason each person chooses to make that contribution is the same. Kappa Sigma has made a lasting difference in their lives or in the lives of someone they care about.

For some of these individuals, the Fraternity became a home away from home. In others, the Fraternity helped develop the leadership, organizational, and social skills that have benefitted them throughout their lives. Perhaps a member helped them deal with a very difficult time in their life. Still others feel the chapter made a lasting impact on their son. Whatever the reason, we know it is because overall, Kappa Sigma has made a positive difference in their lives.

People reflect on their estate plans, wills, and financial assets for many reasons. Often they are prompted to do so by their accountant or attorney as they have children that need to be planned for. Many reach middle age or later and decide it's time to take a crack at planning for that unfortunate date in the future.

Frequently, people decide to include charities in their plans because they don't have heirs who need to inherit their assets, or at least not all their assets. They understand their tax situation can improve by bequeathing a portion of their estate to a charity. Some decide they want at least a portion of their accumulated wealth to support organizations they value the most, and in many cases that organization is Kappa Sigma.

You can help support the educational and housing needs of the chapter by making an estate gift of any size. The Foundation asks that you discuss your charitable intentions with the potential executors of your estate to ensure that your final wishes are honored. We also would appreciate notification of your wishes so that we can recognize you as a member of the Heritage Society (we can keep that in confidence if you wish) and we can make appropriate plans for future.

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