Homecoming Weekend: October 26-27, 2007!
DU Football Ticket Block Now Ready

Homecoming 2007 will be here very soon! On Friday, October 26, the popular and well-attended Welcome Reception will start at 7PM ET at the University Inn on north U. S. 52 in West Lafayette for all class years. Last year, a large number of Brothers, wives, and family members stopped by to share in the fun, do some “imaginative reminiscing,” and to get Homecoming off to a great start.

Next, stop by the House Saturday morning for coffee and donuts followed from 9-11AM ET by a delicious brunch and time for visiting.

At 10AM ET, join us for the Annual Alumni Meeting (please turn to page 8)

DU Honored at Grand Prix; 2007 Finish is Best Ever!
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The 2007 Grand Prix was a “Grand” weekend for DUs of all stripes: The Chapter finished fourth, the best it has ever done in the race, and all of the living founders returned to be honored along with Roger Yule of the Purdue Auto Club (PAC) who took over Brother Peter Helferich’s duties after he dropped out of school to recover from a bad auto accident in April, 1958.

Our DU team, #23, the same kart number as the original 1958 Northwestern Racing Association, was composed of Brothers Chris Cremers ’07, crew chief; Riley Lind ’07, driver (above); Mike Irmen ’07, lead mechanic; Ford Bennett ’09, scorer; (continued on next page)

Far more than just football, the Purdue - Northwestern game on Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a spectacle featuring the All-American Marching Band, the Golden Girl, the Silver Twins, the Girl in Black, Purdue Pete and multitudes of cheerleaders and flag twirlers.

Awards ceremony honorees included (from left) Brothers Peter Helferich, De Lewis, Mike Irmen, Riley Lind, Chris Cremers, Tom Pearson, and Larry Miller.
2007 Annual Fund Drive Update

Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to reflect on your DU experiences and consider making a direct impact on the Fraternity by sending in a gift to the Purdue Educational Foundation.

A few weeks ago, you should have received a letter from Alumni Board members Warren Rich '53, Byron Lee '51, and Dick Hegeman '49 appealing for your support. For the past several years, the response to these requests has been outstanding. Until we have the bonds paid off and a House that is consistently filled to capacity, annual support will be crucial to the financial well being of the Purdue Chapter of Delta Upsilon. Whether you can send in $50, $100, $500 or more, please be assured that every gift makes a difference.

Thanks in advance for your support and doing what you can to enable more young men to experience what DU Brotherhood is all about.

In case you misplaced the letter and reply card, we have included another pre-addressed reply card for you to use when sending in your donation and also your separate check (please) for Homecoming.

Grand Prix (continued from first page)

with Joe Gawdzik '08 as trackworker. The Brothers put together a great-looking kart befitting the DUs entry that won the PAC beauty contest in 1959. Starting 13th, Riley drove an intelligent, safe race, and when the checkered flag fell, the team was fourth. Had the race gone 10 more laps, there was a good chance Riley would have finished third. An excellent drive!

Brothers Peter Helferich, '60, DeAlton Lewis '58, Bob Beck, '59, and Tom Pearson '59 all made it back for the weekend. Graeme Warner '59 also showed up to add to the cheering squad. We missed our fallen Brother, Ed Purple '60, who was the last of the "Gang of Five" that spawned the Purdue Grand Prix. With the exception of Pearson, who returned in 1983 for the 25th anniversary race, none of us had ever bothered to make the trip back, but boy was it worth it!

The weather could not have been more cooperative. Qualifications had been postponed the previous weekend due to the wind, rain, and snow showers. However, race weekend awoke to clear blue skies, low wind, and temperatures in the low 70s with enough sunshine all around to get a serious start on your tan. Those of us who are folically challenged needed to bring out the hats!

The festivities started on Friday with an invitation for the teams to exhibit on the mall in front of Purdue Hall. Major sponsors Toyota, Coca Cola, and local food vendors brought in products for sampling. Every five years, the Grand Prix Foundation invites "alumni" to return with their mounts, if they still have them, to participate in two 15-lap heat races, and this was one of those years. Several of the vintage racers returned, and we old farts swapped bench-racing stories and other lies while trying to impress the younger generation. (We were more successful at the former than the latter.)

On a more private level, we were invited to share in a dinner party the Foundation holds on Friday evening for its board members, Grand Marshal, and other invited guests. Your scribe had the pleasure of sharing a table with Dr. Dick Wolfe, this year’s Grand Marshal. Wolfe is a 1978 Purdue graduate who went on to acquire a medical degree from IU in 1984, and is currently a NASA Astronaut, one of 22 Purdue graduates who made it into the corps. He heads up the EVA lab in Houston, has spent over six months on Space Lab, and is in rotation for another launch, if he wants it. A cooler dude you could not have spent the evening with! Great company!

Then it was back to the University Inn after dinner for more bench racing in the bar, also populated with other vintage racers, and the day was complete.

Saturday morning dawned with a repeat of the same great weather. After a quick breakfast, we were off to the track with a tour through the pits and paddock. At 9 AM, the Safety Crew threw us out, and we adjourned to the VIP parking lot and stands where we met up with Brother Beck for the remainder of the activities. We got photo opportunities with Purdue President Jischke and astronaut Wolfe.

Three heat races were run to define the last six grid positions for the race and two other heat races for the
vintage racers completed the supporting events.

For those who have never taken the wheel of a racing machine, you need to know that to most drivers, this sport can be an addictive drug. These guys may be sporting a few more pounds and some of their karts pushing 40 years in age, but all are flogging it with everything they and their machines can muster. A sight to behold!

The parade brought out Roger (left, above) and Peter, along with Wolfe and the Ambassadors sitting in several of Toyota's cars, and we “founders” were called to the center of the track for our “recognition,” not unlike other ceremonies held on Homecoming weekends. DUs were highlighted for their efforts in establishing this race.

Anne Hornbeck Pahre and one of her sisters, members of Kappa Sigma sorority who had returned for the weekend, are the recruits that Harold Montgomery convinced to drive his overweight kart in 1959. They have the distinction of being the first women to run in this race.

Tom Pearson has had many conversations with these ladies in the course of researching the history of the GP, and they, with their younger sisters, joined the DUs for a joint cheering group for Riley Lind and the DU entry.

When the dust settled, Liz Lehman was the winner with dozens of adoring female supporters shouting approval. Liz’ father and others watched while Dr. Wolfe presented the winner’s trophy to her and her team.

Saturday evening brought the awards banquet held in the Grand Ball rooms. About 300 other GP stalwarts of all stripes also decided to attend. I had not been in these rooms since graduating. I marveled at their state of restoration; they looked exactly as they did the last time I viewed them a half-century ago. As a woodworker, I pondered the cost and hassles of duplicating the woodwork. A monumental job!

A quartet from the Glee Club sang '50s R&R songs during the cocktail hour, and Dr. Jischke briefly addressed us and then bolted. After a very good dinner, the recognitions and awards started: current and past Grand Marshals, winners, and Foundation presidents, and other such business.

Prior to our five minutes in the spotlight, two ladies from the Foundation jointly recited a compressed two-minute history of DU's involvement in this race and that of Roger Yule and Pete Helferich. We were all called to the stage and recognized individually to a standing ovation from the audience. To say it was moving is an understatement! If you chose not to come, it was a big mistake.

And so, Brother Pearson’s quest of some 30-odd years ended on a highly positive note. He was in hog heaven the whole weekend. Peter Helferich, Roger Yule, and the DUs finally got their Day In The Sun and the history of this great tradition was forever documented correctly. It took a while, but it was worth the effort. 🎇

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**Grand Prix Reflections, A Sidebar:**

When we started this journey, I had no feeling for how it might evolve, or even if it would end on a positive note. I’ve had no particular consuming interest in the Grand Prix, and had never returned to view it in the intervening 48 years. I had only a tangential involvement for the two years that it and I were co-resident on campus. That it has survived and thrived and is expertly run by the students with little adult supervision is amazing.

Its story is a textbook example of how traditions are built, brick by brick. It is the oldest and longest-running kart race in the world and the third largest event on campus. Its graduates have gone on to do wondrous things and more than a few have landed in motorsport and automotive careers.

So while I’m pleased that Tom Pearson and I have been successful at restoring the legacy of the beginnings of this race and DU’s concept of it, in retrospect, I’m more proud to have been a co-author to a historical event like no other in Purdue’s history. Even non-racers seem to relate to the story.

If you’d like a copy of our documentary, it’s available on a CD for $10. The proceeds go to the Foundation’s scholarship efforts, so it’s a good cause and a tax deduction. For details on how to acquire one, log on to [www.purdualum.org](http://www.purdualum.org) or call Kyle Bymaster at (765) 494-3555. — Larry Miller ’59
Alumni President’s Report
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This year’s summer work weekend was held in June. Undergrads, girlfriends, parents, and Alumni contributed their time, talent, and energy in cleaning, repairing, and replacing House items. Reid Ricciardi ’94, Juan Velasquez ’98, and Norm Williams ’64 were the taskmasters. To give you an idea of what was involved, here is a list of the tasks that were accomplished.

Cleaning the formal living room, exec. office, and women’s room
Removal of old tile from Chapter room/bathroom floors
Installation of new outside building lighting
Initial cleaning out of junk from all side rooms in suites
Organizing/cleaning out of laundry room and boiler room
Power washing first floor bathroom
Collection of all screens for cleaning and repair
Collection of chairs needing repair

Hoping that the next Fund Appeal would cover the expenses, the living room carpeting was replaced; new living room furniture was added; and the Chapter room and the women’s room were refurbished. In addition, several Brothers were responsible for specific repair and landscaping projects. The weekend was a great success.

Fifty-five Chapter members are scheduled to move into the House this fall. This is a major improvement over the 43 living in during the spring semester. The House occupancy goal is 65, a number that provides the necessary financial support. Brother Al Parker ’75 will continue to work with the Rush Chairman to ensure a good beginning before the fall semester commences.

The annual Fund Appeal letter was mailed to everyone in July. The contributions last year totaled $50,134. These contributions are vital to the Chapter’s financial support. If you have yet to make a contribution, please complete the contribution and personal information form at the end of this newsletter and/or use the bound-in reply envelope. Also, don’t forget to register for the DU events and purchase Homecoming game tickets. We’ll see you at Homecoming.

Alumni Treasurer’s Report
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It is hard to believe that another school year is past, and the 2006-07 fiscal year has ended. This, our 14th year in the House, has been a hard one because of the low number of Brothers living in the House. The number is the lowest since I began keeping records in 1996. Forty-three Brothers were living in the House last spring. The highest number of Brothers living in was 69 in 1998, and the number has remained in the 50s since 2001. The low numbers seem to be a trend in most houses. In addition, the House is aging, and the costs of maintenance and replacement have risen to $30,000 this year. In addition, there is still work to be done.

Last year’s Rush was very successful, and it is hoped that more than 50 Brothers will be living in the House this fall. This will improve the cash flow for this year. Alumni support has been very important through the past few years and will continue to be needed for the next three years when all of the bonds will have been redeemed. Thanks to all who have contributed or redeemed bonds. Your continued support is needed to get us through this short period.

Chapter President’s Report
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The Undergraduate members finished up the Spring 2007 semester, and it was quite a strong finish. We held elections to replace our graduating President, Brent Gardner ’07. I was selected to replace him for the fall semester and Ford Bennett ’09 was chosen to fill my spot as VP of Loss Prevention. The Brothers also have many goals already in place...
for next semester. The new Executive Board is hoping to move both above the all-campus average in grades, as well as to break back into the top ten in the Fraternity rankings. The Brothers are also hoping to perform significantly better on International’s Chapter Excellence Plan and regain the status of an “Excellent Chapter” with an 85% score (or hopefully better) on the report.

This year, our Delta Upsilon Grand Prix team turned in one of the best performances our House has ever seen. Driver Riley Lind ’07 managed to take the #23 car to a fourth place finish, after starting out the race in the 13th position. The team is going to be in for an interesting transition next year with Riley and crew members Chris Cremers ’07 and Mike Irmen ’07 all having graduated. These three have put in an incredible amount of time and effort into our Grand Prix team over the years and are well deserving of our Chapter’s gratitude.

(You can see a full report on the entire Grand Prix 2007 Weekend in the story written by Brother Larry Miller ’59 that begins on page one of this edition.)

We did Parents’ Weekend a little differently this year. This year’s events, held on the weekend of April 14, were broken up into two days -- the idea being to lure more parents from out of the area up to West Lafayette. The Parents’ Meeting and Auction (above) on Saturday were a great success thanks to the planning and effort put in by the Parents’ Club. Despite the sub-par weather on Sunday, the Fourth Annual Alumni Golf Outing was a great time. Alumni, parents, and Undergrads alike all had a great time at The Elks Country Club, and everybody involved is already looking forward to next year’s outing.

Our House sent 10 men to this year’s Regional Leadership Seminar hosted by the DePauw Chapter. This event focused on relevant Fraternity leadership topics such as risk management, recruitment, and Alumni relations, among many others. Our own Reed Kennedy ’09 was selected to be the Undergrad regional representative, so we all hope that he can give our House a good face among the other Chapters in the area.

The Vice President of Membership Recruitment, Chris Wilcox ’08, is hoping to build upon this year’s strong recruitment drive with a few new initiatives in mind. Taking a note from the Missouri Chapter, Chris is hoping to implement a summer recruitment program based out of the two major cities that Purdue draws from. He is hoping to set up a few events in both Chicago and Indianapolis to peak the interest of the incoming freshman and show them what Delta Upsilon has to offer. Another benefit of these events is that they give the Brothers an excuse to get together over the summer and go to a baseball game or just go cook out at someone’s house. We all have our fingers crossed right now that we can have a successful Fall Rush as we did last year. After initiating 23 new members this January, and welcoming in eight associate members this spring, we are looking at a House that is closer to capacity once again and full of possibilities.

To celebrate the return from service in Iraq by Corporal (and Brother) Lance Yoder ’08 (center), Brothers Chris Wilcox ’08, Lars Moen ’08, Dan Elzinga ’08, and Brent Vermeulen ’08 (left to right) got painted up like Captain America before a campus philanthropy event.
Alumni News & Notes

The news you send is deeply appreciated. We hope to hear from every Purdue DU Brother once in a while – so why not fill out the form in this Pur-DU to let us know about your new address, new family member, new job, email address, latest snipe hunt -- whatever?

Bryan Noll ’94 (below) wants us to know that he is now a Snap-on Tools Dealer. “We live in Carmel, Ind., and are proud to announce the birth of August James Noll, our first child. He was born April 24, 2007, at 6:49pm weighing 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 19 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!” Bryan can be reached at 317-201-0082; fax: 317-663-3493; and at bryannoll@yahoo.com.

Kennet DeJesus ’00 graduated with a BS in MET. He and his wife, April, just welcomed their first...
outside Chicago.

Justin S. Smith ’06 writes that he “graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering. I have recently moved to South Bend, Ind., to work for Honeywell International Inc. I am working as a Lean Manufacturing Engineer in their Aerospace division that makes commercial and military airline brakes. My new address is Justin S. Smith, 5725 Town Center Dr., Apt. #7, Granger, Ind. 46530.”

Abel Castaneda ’07: “I am working for Delta Waterfowl doing duck research in North Dakota. In the fall, I will be attending IPFW in Fort Wayne to attain my Master’s degree in Wildlife Biology. My intentions are to attain a Ph.D. and become a Professor. The email to use to reach me is ajcastan@purdue.edu and my address in Fort Wayne will be 526 Putnam Dr., Fort Wayne, Ind. 46808.”

Chris Cremers ’07 earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is employed in the Test Department as a Mechanical Design Engineer for Rolls-Royce Corporation in Indianapolis. Chris was married June 2 in Auburn, Ala., to Brooke, who is an Aerospace Engineer from Auburn Univ. Brooke also works for Rolls Royce in Indianapolis (that’s where they met). Brothers Justin Smith and Mike Irmen were two of Chris’ groomsmen. The two photographs on this page show Chris and Brooke in the upper photo and some of the DU Brothers who

and he also works as a motorcycle safety instructor. Last year, he had the opportunity to demonstrate safety maneuvers riding a new Honda GL1800 Gold Wing in front of the crowd at the annual Honda Homecoming ride-in rally for its motorcycle customers.

Thomas Sharp ’03 writes: “Hey, everyone, I’m a new dad, and my new daughter’s name is Grace Marie Sharp. She was born at 7 lbs., 9 oz., 18.5 in. long, and very healthy. She’s gaining weight quickly and is absolutely gorgeous. I wore the shirt in the picture (above) just for the DU family.”

Michael Perez ’04 writes, “I am employed by the New York Stock Exchange in our Chicago office. My new position is third shift Operations Supervisor, and I oversee a team of 12 system administrators between Chicago and NY. My team and I are responsible for bringing up the New York Stock Exchange’s online exchange environment each morning as well as the day-to-day maintenance/administration of the Chicago site’s datacenter. My address is 909 W. Diversey, Chicago, Ill., 60614.”

Paul Kovacs ’06 graduated from Purdue in Mechanical Engineering. He tells us he is working in Design Engineering for Exelon Nuclear at their Dresden Nuclear Power Station in Morris, Ill., just
attended the wedding in the lower photo.

Nathan Dunning ’07 is working in Cincinnati for Hewlett-Packard as a Systems Integration Engineer.

Michael Irmen ’07 tells us he graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is now working in Integration and Production Support Engineering for The Boeing Company in Everett, Wash. (20 miles north of Seattle). He can be reached at 847-226-5786.

Ben VanLaan ’07 graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and is now employed in the Auditing Department of Deloitte & Touche LLP in Chicago.

Homecoming (from page one)

to hear a concise, fact-filled presentation on problems and opportunities, what’s new, and what’s in the bright future for our Fraternity.

From the House, we’ll go to Ross-Ade Stadium to cheer the Boilermakers on against the Northwestern Wildcats from Evanston.

Kickoff is now set for Noon, Eastern time. Then adjourn back to the House for the usual informal tailgating in the House parking lot. And don’t forget you have the opportunity today to tour the just-opened Neil Armstrong Hall, the new flagship of the College of Engineering!

How can I get tickets to the game? Can we all sit together? DU has a block of seats, and tickets must be obtained by calling the Purdue Athletic Ticket Office. Please follow the instructions below. The deadline is Oct. 5 for football ticket orders.

Can I park on campus? There is parking behind the Chapter House. We recommend that you park there early Saturday and leave the car there all day. As game time approaches, finding a parking space becomes far more difficult. Every slot in the DU parking lot and every square inch of grass will have a car or tailgater on it. Worse, the University may close Stadium Avenue to car traffic. And please make a small donation to the Undergrads working in lot. They appreciate it, and the funds will be collected and used on various projects around the House.

And one major caveat: Remember that our events are arranged around the football game’s kick-off time. Sometimes the kickoff time is changed again. By Oct. 5, you must call the Athletic Ticket Office for tickets so that we can all sit together as a group.

Tell the ticket office that you are calling to buy tickets in “Group #240.” They will not be able to help if you just say “Delta Upsilon.”

Then tell how many tickets at $45 you wish to order. The order will be complete when you give your credit card number.

Remember, the event and date is the Oct. 27 Homecoming game vs. Northwestern.

The New Way to Order Homecoming Football Tickets

The purchasing of tickets so that we can all sit together in the DU Section has changed again. By Oct. 5, you must call the Athletic Ticket Office for tickets so that we can all sit together as a group.

Here are the details. With a credit card handy, call the ticket office at 800-497-7678 (toll-free) or 765-494-3194 (local).

Tell the ticket office that you are calling to buy tickets in “Group #240.” They will not be able to help if you just say “Delta Upsilon.”

Then tell how many tickets at $45 you wish to order. The order will be complete when you give your credit card number.

Got News? We Want to Hear from You!

The Pur-DU is a joint effort between the Alumni Board of Trustees of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Purdue University and the Purdue DU Undergraduate Chapter.

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Yes, I will attend Homecoming 2007.

- Please reserve ___ places at the Fri., October 26, University Inn Reception ($20) $_________
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For football tickets, you can reserve your place in the special DU seating block. See page 8 for ordering details.

I have enclosed my check for Homecoming payable to “Purdue Delta Upsilon.”

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Please print and mail this Reply/Order Form by October 5, 2007, to:

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Thanks!
Recruitment Referral
by Reid Ricciardi

Do you know an incoming Purdue freshman who would benefit from a Greek experience and contribute to our Chapter?

If you do, please direct him to Chris Wilcox, VP Recruitment. Chris can be reached at wilcoxcd@purdue.edu or you can call him at 214-207-7052.

Recruitment is a team effort. The Chapter is always interested in recruiting outstanding young men, and one of the important ways in which Alumni can contribute is by referrals.

Young men are referred to Chapter representatives before they arrive on campus. After they arrive, they are invited to rush events at the House. We all know that those first few days and weeks on campus can be intimidating and confusing.

Being contacted and invited to a Fraternity house can be reassuring and be a way of forming early friendships.

Please help us recruit students of high quality. Your recommendation can benefit our Chapter and provide a deserving young man with the DU key to success and Brotherhood.

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