



# Transit Club News

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## Alumni Present Sabbagh Scholarship



Brother Curtis Watson, '98 receives the 2002 Sabbagh Award from Jim Marshall, '65, Alumni Board Treasurer.

Founders' Day 2002 was held on Sunday, April 7, at the chapter house. After alumni and undergrads enjoyed a fine meal, the winner of the 2002 Sabbagh Award was announced. This year's award, a \$1500 scholarship, went to Brother **Curtis Watson**, who plans to graduate in Dec. 03, in EE.. As you may have guessed from the above photo, Brother Watson was serving his fraternity as a member of the KF during dinner, and was summoned from the kitchen to receive his scholarship and commemorative plaque. Besides KF, he has been a Social Director, Scholarship Chairman, Rush Chairman, and Rep. Council member. Curtis is originally from West Lafayette, but his family now lives in Peoria, IL. Our congratulations to Curtis, and our thanks to alumni who continue to contribute to the Elias M. Sabbagh Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Triangle Fraternity Education Foundation.

## Grand Prix was the Pits; Better Times Ahead

By Dave Doll, '01

Grand Prix this past year was full of disappointments. After a severe crash which took out two 3 inch diameter poles and one chassis on qualifications day, we were forced to change the kart over to a new chassis. We spent the next two days dialing in the chassis. With the new chassis we began to take some faster times, but we had problems on the track again when it was time to do a qualification run. We ran a slow qualification time (due to some calibration problems) and were forced to enter the 'last chance' sprint race. During that race -- which we were

favored to win -- our gas line snagged and came undone, causing us to fall out of the race and therefore not be able to qualify for the main race.

The good news is that as a crew, we have another two years to enter the competition and shake this bad luck! Our chassis builder, White Chassis USA, inc., plans to build and design a new chassis for us at no cost, for the support and business we brought him. This new chassis is slated to be finished by November. We plan to do some indoor karting events throughout the months of December and January.

There is some more good news I want to pass along. In spite of our troubles, we won the 'Stoops Pit Crew Achievement Award.' The crewmembers included Crew Chief **Jason Daugherty, Kevin Palarz, Joel Spellar, and Ryan Sidebottom**, with scorer **Chris Chen**. They helped out to tremendous extremes, while learning about the world of karting. We spent many hours together, packed in the Grand Prix shed, shooting the bull, and realizing that Grand Prix is a whole lot more than a one day race!

I personally drove in several races this past summer before leaving for my study abroad. [Editor's Note: Brother Doll is studying this semester at Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand.] Driving races in the summer help us gain that invaluable seat time that is needed to take checkered flags.

We would like to recognize our sponsors: Mullen Towing Inc; White Chassis USA, inc.; Klim Signs; Professional Vinyl Cutting; Village Bottle Shop; and Mail Boxes Etc.

## Summer Activities

By Chris Kallimanes, '02, and Logan Geoffrion, '02

We thought you might like a sampling of what our Brothers were doing this past summer. Here's a real small list to give you an idea:

- Brother **Todd Bradley** traveled to Alaska and the shores of Delaware.
- Brother **Prashant Parsram** worked on the fuel controls for the Joint Strike Fighter jet at Honeywell in South Bend, IN.
- Brother **Bryan East** did an internship at Four Seasons Resort.
- Brother **Curtis Watson** did I/O verification for Compaq in Boston. *...more!*

## Check it Out!

### New Web Site Created for Purdue Triangle Alumni

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of Brother **Rick Eckert**, '64, we now have a way to share information with alumni everywhere.

Go to: [www.purduetrianglealumni.org](http://www.purduetrianglealumni.org)

Sign up for an MSN Groups Passport (it's free!) and register to share information with your Brothers.

Summer activities, continued from first page...

-Brother **Chris Chen** was in the Howard Hughes Undergraduate Research Program at the University of Illinois, followed by a trip to see his family in China. He and Brother **Matt Gass** also participated in Mrs. T's Triathlon in Chicago.

-Along with the triathlon mentioned above, Brother **Matt Gass** was back in school having completed a co-op session with Hamilton Sunstrand in Windsor Locks, CT. Matt also did volunteer work with Young Life.

-Brother **Brian Jarman** was back at Purdue taking classes after completing a co-op session with Robert Bosch Corp.

-Brothers **Nathan Miller** and **Erik Lantz** continued with Orange Racing (<http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~mille123/>) Nathan is a driver and Erik is his crew chief. They shared an apartment with Brother **Mike Spuzillo** and all 3 took classes in their spare time...

So, as you can see, our Purdue brothers get around and have many varied interests and hobbies. It was a great summer – but now, we're back to work in the "Halls of Old Purdue."

### Connecting the Past to the Present

By **Mike Sufana**, '00, Alumni Coordinator and Historian

**T**he Purdue Chapter of Triangle Fraternity now has an email list server dedicated to serving our chapter alumni. If you would like to join the list and receive periodic chapter updates and keep in contact with other alumni, please send your name, graduation year, and email address to Brother Mike Sufana at [sufanam@purdue.edu](mailto:sufanam@purdue.edu). Triangle's website at <http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~deltat> also has more info.

We need your help on another project. In an effort to connect the past to the present and future, we're currently compiling information for a master chapter family tree. If you're an alumnus who's been out of the house for quite some time, you can see how far your Triangle family has spread. Or, you can help a recent initiate trace back their pledge heritage to you! Please help us out by e-mailing your name, your pledge class, your initiation year, your pledge pop, and any pledge sons you may have to Brother Mike Sufana at [sufanam@purdue.edu](mailto:sufanam@purdue.edu). Also, if you know of any brothers who have information like this, possibly on a smaller scale, please let me know. With enough support, the first edition of the tree will be up on our website (<http://expert.cc.purdue.edu/~deltat>) before too long!

#### Alumni Board Officers

- Rick Rezek, '78, *President*
- Rick Overman, '65, *Vice President*
- Dr. Mark Bowman, '71, *Secretary*
- Jim Marshall, '65, *Treasurer*
- Bob Reynolds, '00, *Undergraduate President*

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## President's Corner

By **Bob Reynolds**, '00



Many Brothers are excited about making this year just as much of a success as last year was. All of us have worked very hard to do well scholastically and plan to keep our trend of having some of the best grades on campus. We are also enjoying having our newest initiates living in house with us. By living together it brings all of us closer and lets each member truly experience brotherhood. I am sure that another year of great memories lies ahead and that through rush we will each get many new best friends.

The spring semester was a great follow-up for the fall '01 semester in the world of philanthropy. Of all of the philanthropies, the one that we were most involved in (and our favorite), Anchor Splash, was amazing! The Anchor Splash competition is a swim meet between the fraternities and sororities, and was held at Lafayette Jefferson High School.

We had been anticipating our involvement in this event since last year when we placed second. This year our hard work paid off, and we **won first place!** Our Anchor Splash antics were even recorded in Indiana University's newspaper the week after the event. It showed how wild and crazy Purdue is during Greek events.

We have also been having a wonderful time participating in all of the other philanthropies, and we have been doing very well in them. **Matt Miller** was our contestant for 'Big Man on Campus' this year. He showed off his skateboarding skills in the talent section of the event, and they were so good that they were mentioned the Exponent. Everyone knows that next year will be just as exciting as this year. **Charles Kaplan** has recently taken over the position of Philanthropy Chair and has been working hard to keep the program a success.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like you to know the new undergraduate Board of Directors for 2002-2003, elected before the end of the spring semester:

- Bob Reynolds, President**
- Ryan Sidebottom, Vice President**
- Chris Harmon, Executive Secretary**
- Kevin Palarz, Membership Director**
- Todd Bradley, Financial Director**
- Joel Spellar, Operations Director**
- Jason Daugherty, Operations Director**
- John Schlicht, Social Director**
- Jason Fluhler, Social Director**
- Matt Miller, Social Director**

We look forward to the great things we can do for Triangle!  
In F, S, & C, ...Bob

## New House Security System Installed

By **Rick Overman**, '65

**I**n the interest of property security and safety of our members, the Alumni Board has had a new security system installed on the house. Each member has an entry card, and electronic locks control all of the outside doors. Alums visiting the house are asked to please respect the new system by not blocking open locked doors and by using the front door to enter. Hopefully, the days of vanished sofas and uninvited guests wandering through will come to an end!

## Alumni Receive Special Honors

By Rick Overman, '65



You may recognize this face from the last newsletter! We reported then that Brother **Dale Reed, '52**, had been honored as an Outstanding Alumnus of Purdue's Agricultural and Biological Engineering. We are pleased to tell you that Brother Reed is now officially Dr. Dale Reed, having received an Honorary Doctorate Degree during Purdue's

graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 11. Dr. Reed is chairman and CEO of Buran and Reed, Inc., San Leandro, CA, a major producer of scales and custom software linking scales and computers. Congratulations, Dr. Reed!

Kudos also go to Brother **Melvin Chiogiogi, '58**, who was inducted into the Purdue ROTC Hall of Fame on April 20, 2002, during ceremonies at the Purdue Armory. Those ceremonies honored distinguished graduates from the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs. The Hall of Fame includes 137 former Purdue ROTC students. Their photos are displayed on a special wall on the first floor of the Armory.

Brother Chiogiogi, now a Retired Rear Admiral from the Navy, served on active duty for five years, after which he joined the Naval Reserves and completed several assignments, including overseeing all Seabee operations in the Atlantic and Mediterranean regions. He retired from the Reserves in 1993.

Brother Chiogiogi lives in the Washington, D.C. area and is president and CEO of MELE Associates, a consulting firm that provides engineering and technology services to both federal and private sector organizations.

Mel also continues to serve Triangle as a board member of the national Triangle Education Foundation.

**Slayter Slammer 2002** kicked off at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, on Slayter Hill. This year's show featured the band named *Injected*, whose current hit is "Burn it Black." Opening bands were *Myopic Son* and *Enamel*, both selected during the Battle of the Bands last spring.

The main radio sponsor, 93.5 WKHY, broadcast the event live. On September 4, the radio station did a live broadcast from the Triangle house to officially announce the event.

Our Greek partners for this year's event were Acacia, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Phi. Sponsors for this year, in addition to WKHY, were Freckles Graphics, Mid-America Distributing, Jefferson Commons, Procter and Gamble, Coca-Cola, Papa John's, and – for the first time – Caribbean Mist Tanning.

For more info, visit the Slayter website at: <http://expert.ics.purdue.edu/~deltat/slayter.htm>

Below, the band *Cats from Outer Space* perform during last spring's Battle of the Bands. – *By Mike Sufana, '00*



## In FS&C – Notes from Alumni

'58 Brother **Bob Strickler** writes that he and wife Mary live in Oakton VA, having relocated there from southern CA due to a position change in 1995. He reports that he has worked DoD and DOE programs with a bit of commercial support along the way. He enjoyed career opportunities with The Aerospace Corporation and TRW. He says he has most of all enjoyed working with interesting and class-act people. At the time he wrote last spring, he was helping firms in the area with defense and energy interests, and serving on government panels such as the CINCSTRATCOM Senior Advisory Group and the Defense Science Board (missile defense). He is also a member of the Purdue Industrial Advisory Council. Bob and Mary enjoy travel, and feel fortunate to have visited such places as Kenya, Tanzania, China, Russia, and Eastern and Western Europe. They have two sons and a daughter, and 7 grandchildren.

'65 Brother **Bob Britzke** has a new address. He now lives at 602 CR 1071, Eureka Springs, AR 72632

'87 Brother **Carl Yost** and wife Yvonne gave birth to a son, Karl Maximillian Yost, on September 12, 2001.

'86 Brother **Zarrell Gray**, confessing his fast-approaching status of confirmed bachelor at the ripe old age of 35, reports that he met his match during a tour of the French wine country. Overcome by the allure of a Canadian-Czech beauty named Alexandra Tegart, Brother Gray spent a year of international travel, was nearly buried in piles of government forms, and endured phone bills that would rival the Gross Domestic National Product of a small island nation. At long last, they were married on May 10, 2002. His observation: Good things come to those who wait!

'93 Brother **Joel Wage** writes that he is living in Phoenix where he is a Project Manager for Opus West, a national Design/Build Commercial Developer. He married wife Carrie in June 2002. He counts 8 Purdue Triangle grads from the '92-'97 era living around the area. His address is 7463 W. Foothill Drive, Glendale, AZ 85310, or contact him through e-mail at [Joel.Wage@OpusWest.com](mailto:Joel.Wage@OpusWest.com).

## Chapter Eternal

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our alumni. Unfortunately, we have no more details than these:

Brother **John M. Horn, '39**, entered Chapter Eternal in 1997. He had lived in Hampstead, NC, and was retired from Ebasco Company.

Brother **Carl Armenoff, '45**, entered Chapter Eternal in August 1997. He lived in Woodland Hills, CA.

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# This is your Triangle Newsletter.

Great things are happening at 103 University Street. Please take a few minutes and see what's been going on, then notice the honors that have been bestowed on some of our alumni! These alumni were undergraduates one day, just like the guys who are living there now. We believe that their time at Triangle was one of the building blocks of their success. With our help and support, today's undergraduates will someday be appearing among those honored. Triangle is not just an address; it's an education!

**Parents:** Your son's copy of the Transit Club News is being mailed to his home address so that you will be aware of happenings at the Chapter House. We hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us any time. - *Editor*

**Alumni Board Meetings** for the remainder of the 2002-03 School year will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapter House on the following dates:

October 27, 2002

December 1, 2002

January 12, 2003

March 9, 2003

Interested Alumni who would like to learn more about the Chapter are always welcome to attend.