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39TH, CHI EPSILON REGIONAL CONCLAVE — DAYTON, OH

The 39th Chi Epsilon Regional Conclave was held in March 2007 at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Nine members of the Purdue chapter attended, including all but two officers who had prior academic commitments. This was by far the most delegates of any of the nearly two dozen chapters present at the conclave outside of the host chapter. The conclave was a great opportunity to meet the Regional Council and district councilors as well as students from chapters all across the district. It was also a time to address the operation of Chi Epsilon within the district and determine how better to serve the students within each individual school.

Special thanks goes out to Burke & Lewis XE Fund that provided us with the money necessary to make the trip.

FALL 2007 INITIATES

Megan Burke, Emily Chavez, David Dallman, Daniel Johnson, Andrew Langferman, Abby Massey, Reid Morgan, Tom Paladino, Jerry Ruth, Brandon Stutzman, Mike Sweet, and David Truong. Congratulations!
Leonard and Margaret Wood Academic and Leadership Scholarship

The Leonard and Margaret Wood Award is an honor given to a student(s) in Chi Epsilon that best exemplifies excellence in both academics and leadership activities. This award is made possible through the generosity of the Wood family. Candidates are nominated by both students and faculty members, and the recipient is selected by a panel consisting of the trustees, the faculty advisor, and the president. The winner is honored at the banquet and receives a monetary award. The recipient of the Leonard and Margaret Wood Award for Fall 2007 was Taylor Bowditch. We congratulate Taylor on his work within the Civil Engineering and Purdue University family and wish him well on all future endeavors.

Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student

Each semester, our chapter recognizes the graduating senior with the highest GPA with the Rosemary K. Burke Outstanding Student Award. The recipient of the Rosemary K. Burke Award for Fall 2007 Semester was Nicholas Woodruff. We express our thanks to the Burke family for their continued support. We would also like to congratulate Nicholas on his accomplishments over the course of his stay here at Purdue University. We are sure he will continue to succeed outside of Purdue University and wish him the best!

Introduction Of New Spring 2008 Officers

Along with the introduction of new pledges to Chi Epsilon this semester, we also introduced new officers who will continue to lead Chi Epsilon here at Purdue University. The new officers are Steve Lauer, Tom Paldino, Colleen Naughton, and Katelyn Fox. These four new officers are now occupying positions previously held by Ryan Marovich, Kurt Mademann, Marcus Kreps, and Ray David.

We wish all of the new officers continued success within the organization and are sure they will maintain and strengthen the Purdue University Chapter of Chi Epsilon. We also hope that those leaving Chi Epsilon will continue to succeed as they have within the organization.
UPCOMING EVENTS . . . . .

This upcoming semester bring new opportunities for Chi Epsilon to make an impact at Purdue University. And as such, we plan on joining forces with another organization within Civil Engineering to raise money to a cause dear to our heart, Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a fundraiser for cancer research and our fundraising effort the last semester was in the memory of the late Professor Leonard Wood who was a great benefactor to our chapter and a role model to many.

This semester we will again be thinking of Professor Wood as we take part in a Date Auction along with the Civil Engineering Student Advisory Council (CESAC). The date auction will take place during the spring 2008 Semester and all proceeds will benefit cancer research. We hope all available will join us for what is sure to be an eventful night.

JAMES A. HORTON ELEVATED TO CHAPTER HONOR MEMBER

The Purdue University Chapter of Chi Epsilon is proud to announce the elevation of Mr. James A. Horton to Purdue University Chapter Honor Member. Chapter Honor Member is one of Chi Epsilon’s highest distinctions, and Mr. Barker is now the 59th member to receive this honor in the long and storied history of the Purdue University Chi Epsilon organization. He was elevated during the fall initiation in December in the presence of the current Chi Epsilon officers as well as the Fall 2007 Pledge Class.

Mr. Horton is a member of MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. He joined the company as a staff geotechnical engineer in 1974. In 1976, Mr. Horton was named drilling department manager. In 1981, Mr. Horton became designated as senior geotechnical engineer and was appointed engineering department manager. Since 1987, Mr. Horton has been responsible for the overall management of the Jacksonville Branch office.

Mr. Horton received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1971 and his M.S. in Civil Engineering in 1972, also from Purdue. He is a registered professional engineer in both Florida and Georgia. Mr. Horton stresses professional membership, and as such, is a practicing member of ASCE and ASTM. Prior to work with MACTEC, Mr. Horton was Lieutenant in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg and was awarded the Army Commendation medal.

We would like to commend him on his lifetime of accomplishments and congratulate him on this honor.
From the Object and Purpose of Chi Epsilon:
“...Engineering, the application of scientific principles to the practical needs of the society, is assuming a constantly increasing responsibility for the physical well-being of all people, and thus calling for competence of the highest order. The responsibility can be discharged only by a professional group whose members are possessed of a good basic technical ability, intelligence, moral integrity and effective social poise in their relationship with the larger community of which they are a part...”

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