

## **Apple Pi and Drexel Lacrosse – Great Teammates!**

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I'm sure that this headline caught a few eyes and raised a few eyebrows! Anyone who was in the Pi during the 1980s knows that Drexel Lacrosse and Apple Pi had “issues” with each other. Ironically this should not have been so. Many LAX players from the 1980s were very successful on the field as well as in the classroom. The Pi WAS the Lacrosse home during the 1980s. Many of the teams' Captains lived at 216 N. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street. Same thing for team scoring leaders, playmakers, defenseman, and goalies, the backbone of any good team!

Recently, while at the December 2010 Christmas Formal held at the House, I learned that the Pi's connection with Drexel's Lacrosse program has been a long and mutually beneficial relationship. I found myself in the Alumni Office looking at a portrait honoring Drexel Lacrosse that was mounted on a wall within the Office. Chuck Vincent (Class of 1957) came over to me and asked me if I liked the portrait. We then began a wonderful and “enlightening” discussion. The first person pictured in the portrait was none other than Chuck! He went on to regale me with numerous stories involving Apple Pi's from many eras that played important roles in the success of Drexel's Lacrosse Teams. All the while, Chuck, in his normal fashion, downplayed his own success and role in nurturing the relationship between the Pi and Drexel's Lacrosse Program.

After the Formal, Chuck and I spoke a few times. He referred me to a very interesting publication that I had not been previously aware of. The book, titled “Drexel Lacrosse – A History from the Heart”, was published in October 2004. It was written by Drexel Lacrosse player William Thayer (1959; not an Apple Pi) and it is the definitive history of the Drexel Lacrosse Program. The book includes hundreds of pictures, records, stories, etc. You can see many Apple Pi's in there and read of their accomplishments. I highly recommend this book to all Apple Pi LAX players that are not aware of it as well as anyone who, like me, is a fan of Drexel Lacrosse and the guys that played it. The book is available by contacting the Drexel University Department of Athletics at (215) 895-1977 or [www.drexeldragons.com](http://www.drexeldragons.com).

In reading this book I discovered that quite a few Apple Pi's were on Drexel's very first Lacrosse Team in the 1941 season. They were Marshall Austin, Frederick Bolton, Harry Broadbent, Lewis DeGeorge, Ballard Smith, William Spare, and Perley Webster. These gentlemen were the first of many Apple Pi's to wear the Blue and Gold of the Lacrosse Team and the Crimson and Grey of the Pi.

Following is a list of Apple Pi's who played lacrosse at Drexel per the University's records. I have tried to “add to” this list from my own knowledge as well as input from fellow Apple Pi's. My apologies in advance to anybody we may have missed and / or do not have your full information!

Frederick Bolton (1941) – 1941  
Ballard Smith (1944) – 1941 through 1943 – PA / DE All-Stars - Honorable Mention in 1942 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team in 1943  
Marshall Austin (1946) – 1942– USILA North / South All-Star and PA / DE All-Stars - 1<sup>st</sup> Team in 1942  
Lewis DeGeorge (1947) – 1941  
William Dickinson (1947) – 1946 and 1947  
Philip Egan (1947)  
George Frink (1947) – 1947  
Robert Mason (1947) – 1942  
William Spare (1947) – 1941 and 1942  
Perley Webster (1947) – 1941 and 1947  
Archangelo Acierno (1948) – 1942 and 1946  
Harry Broadbent (1948) – 1941 and 1942  
Frederick Rosenthal (1949)  
Herbert Archdeacon (1950)  
Edward Kochev (1950) – 1948 through 1950  
Carl Degler (1951)  
Ted Schwaab (1952) – 1948 through 1951 – Honorable Mention All-American in 1951  
William Simon (1952)  
Herbert Schantz (1954)  
Richard Young (1954) – 1950 through 1953 – All-American - 1<sup>st</sup> Team in 1953 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team in 1952  
Howard Kolscher (1955) – 1953  
Frank Arnold (1957) – 1954 through 1957 – Honorable Mention All-American in 1956  
Bill Daknis (1957) – 1954  
Chuck Vincent (1957) – 1956 and 1957  
Donald Barr (1958)  
Steve Kleva (1958) – 1956 through 1958  
Milt Lang (1960) – 1956 through 1958  
Carl Bauer (1961)  
George Betz (1965)  
Ken Edge (1965) – 1961 through 1964 – Co-Captain in 1963  
Ron Leopold (1968) – 1965 through 1967 – North / South All-Stars and PA / DE All-Stars - Honorable Mention in 1967  
Joseph Scalfani (1970) – 1969  
Pat Frederick (1972) – 1969 through 1971 – All Mid Atlantic Conference - Honorable Mention in 1970  
Martin Groh (1973)  
Michael Johnson (1973) – 1970  
Nicholas Howley (1975) – 1971  
Niles Parker (1975) – 1971 through 1974  
Edward Shubert (1975) – 1971 and 1972  
Stan Erickson (1977)  
Bob Erwine (1983) – 1979 through 1982  
Louis Hamilton (1983) – 1979 through 1982

Steve Nickerson (1983) – 1979 through 1982  
Bruce Oswald (1983) – 1979 through 1982  
Jim Grimes (1984) – 1980 through 1983 – All East Coast Conference – 1<sup>st</sup> Team – 1982  
and 1983  
Dan Souder (1985) – 1981 through 1984  
Pete Duffy (1986) – 1982 through 1986  
Matt Bonner (1987) – 1982 through 1985  
Rob Corner (1987) – 1982 through 1985  
Chris Maits (1987) – 1983 through 1985  
Randy Cramp (1988) – 1983 through 1987  
Patrick Dennin (1988) – 1985  
Dave Frank (1989) – 1985 through 1988  
Kevin Blake (1990) – 1985 through 1989  
Chris DeBernardi (1990) – 1985 through 1987  
John Ford (1990) – 1985 through 1987  
Craig Forsythe (1990) – 1985 through 1989  
Kevin Messerle (1990) – 1985 through 1989  
Jim Rodgers (1990) – 1984 through 1988  
Jim Bean (1991) – 1986 and 1987