



THE PARTHENON

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From the Corporation President

It Has Been Quite a Year!

It has been quite a year. One year ago, on April 6, 2002, a large contingent of Alpha Zeta Delta alumni gathered in Champaign to tour the vacant fraternity house at 110 East Armory that the Alumni Corporation Board was considering purchasing to serve as a permanent Lodge for the Alpha. Following the tour, we held a special meeting of the Alumni Corporation to discuss our options, and the alumni present voted unanimously in favor of pursuing the purchase of the building and embarking on a capital fund-raising campaign to provide the necessary funds.

After extensive negotiation, we finally reached an agreement in June 2002 to buy the Lodge on a two-year installment plan with a balloon payment in June 2004. We also hired Gilchrist Alumni Management Associates to conduct the capital fundraising campaign. Planning and preparation for the campaign is nearing completion, and more information on the details of the campaign will be forthcoming soon. Suffice it to say that the success of the campaign will be dependent on volunteer efforts of dozens of alumni and the generous financial contributions of all of us.

We are now nearing the end of the first school year in the new Lodge, and the Alpha is thriving in her new home. The entire undergraduate brotherhood and several alumni worked tirelessly last summer to get the Lodge ready for occupancy, and the transformation was simply amazing. The pace hasn't let up as the Brothers and Pledges have continued to toil to make the Lodge into a home while still focusing on their studies, jobs, recruitment, intramurals, and social calendar. The quality of new members continues to be among the highest on campus, and it shows in a spirit of all-around excellence.

Yes, it has been quite a year.

I strongly encourage you to take a look at the calendar of events in this issue of the Parthenon and to make every effort to attend one or more alumni events in the coming months. If you live in the Chicago area (or even if you don't), I highly recommend the annual Founders Day banquet at the Edgewood Country Club. This event has really taken off in popularity, and once again you



can look forward to good food, good company, special presentations, an engaging keynote speaker, and dancing in an elegant setting. If you're athletically inclined and/or have children, don't miss the annual Summer Picnic and Softball Challenge (location to be announced). Besides the annual alumni-active softball game, there will be a play-

ground and other recreational facilities available. If these or any other events on the calendar don't fit your schedule, just drop by the Lodge to meet the actives and take a look around. You won't regret it.

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News & Such

MEET THE PLEDGES – BY PAUL PARKS '03

Q. Who Are They? A. Our Future

Congratulations to **Glen Scott '01**, who married his high school sweetheart, Katie Leech, on 29 June 2002. During Glenn's time at the U of I, Katie was a fixture in the Lodge, and we're happy to officially welcome her into the Chi Psi family. Glen and Katie currently live in Lindenhurst, IL.

Congratulations to **Christopher Dohrn '98**, who married Heather Lumma on 3 August 2002 in St. Louis, MO. Heather and Chris go back quite a ways – the first time they met was when Chris was a flight student at Illinois, and Heather was his flight instructor. They reside just outside of Detroit, MI, and we wish both of them the best.

The undergrads extend their thanks to all of the alumni who attended this year's Alumni Reunion Weekend on September 21-23. Hopefully you guys had a great time, and enjoyed the new Lodge. We had an absolute blast and have been practicing our Whale's Tails, so we'll be ready when you all come down this year! Thanks again.

Congratulations to **Michael Graham '00**, who was married to his long time girlfriend, Jane Wolfe, on December 30, 2002 in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Mike and Jane had been dating for.....a real long time, and we wish them the best as they settle down in River Forest, IL.

Congratulations to **Todd Fouts '89** and his wife Diane, on the birth of their fourth son, Sean Michael Fouts on March 8, 2003. Sean weighed in at 9 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 19 inches in length.

Congrats go out to **Adam Pichon '96** on his engagement to his girlfriend Honey. Adam and Honey will be married this coming June in Negril, Jamaica. "D.J. Adam" has been a mainstay in the Lodge for several years. Throughout his undergraduate and grad school years, Adam's company SoundSource provided the entertainment at countless Chi Psi parties. Many thanks go out to Adam for his tremendous help at building a campus reputation for Chi Psi over the years, and we wish nothing but the best to Adam and Honey as they take up residence in Atlanta, GA.

Another engagement...congratulations to **Mark Veliz '02** on his recent engagement to girlfriend Grete. Mark and Grete are presently living together in Cincinnati, OH, and plan on tying the proverbial knot sometime next summer. Our sincere congratulations go out to both of them.

If you have any news about yourself or another Zeta Delta Brother to share, please contact Matt Hess at 708-218-3121 or at mhess@kentlaw.edu.

In November of 2002, I was graced with the honor of being elected the new Pledge educator, providing me the opportunity to guide and teach the spring '03 pledges about something that I love and appreciate...Chi Psi. If you have not yet met our new initiates, you are in for a treat. Throughout this past semester, these upstanding gentlemen have bonded together and set many long term goals. They are extremely dedicated and determined to use the momentum that the Alpha has, and put Chi Psi at the top of the Greek system. Here are some notes about them:

Brian Addison – Brian is a freshman in engineering and was # 1 in his pledge class. He is from LaGrange, Ill., and attended Fenwick HS. He played a major role in our road to the championship as our Lodge hockey team won 1st place for the 3rd time in 4 semesters.

Steven Meehan – Steve is a freshman and is studying history. From Des Plaines, Ill., he is an active participant on the University Club Volleyball team. He was a key addition to the Lodge volleyball team which recently captured the Fraternity Blue Championship.

Brian Clark – Brian is a freshman who transferred this semester from Miami, Ohio. He is also an engineer and is hoping to walk onto the football team next year. He lives in Mundelein and attended Mundelein H.S. He is our new Philanthropy chair for next semester, and he has an amazing voice that added to the sweet sounds of the Lodge acapella group.

Douglas Chuik – Doug is a sophomore transfer from his local community college in Chicago. He is from Chicago and attended St.

Rita H.S. He is a Community Health major and like Brian Addison, was also an important player in our Lodge hockey team.

Matthew Munley – Matt is a freshmen in Chemistry and because of his stunning resemblance to the actor Elijah Wood, he is known as "Frodo". He is also from Mundelein and went to Mundelein H.S.

Dennis Joseph – Dennis is a sophomore who is also in engineering. He has showed vast improvement in his involvement with the Lodge, so expect to hear his name in the future as an important leader.

Bryan Truttling – Bryan is a freshmen from East Chicago, Ind., and is a double major English/Biology. He wears #99 as defensive tackle on the varsity football team. Rated 2nd best black golfer in Indiana last year with a 7 handicap, he is also very talented musically, able to play four different instruments.

Abraham Kelly – Abe is a junior in landscape architecture and is incredible at what he does. He is up for many scholarships for work in his field, and he could tell you the genus and species of almost any plant. Abe was a key player in the creation of our campus-wide serenades this past semester, which contribute to our rapidly growing social calendar.

Joseph Delingharo – Joe is a junior accounting major. Joe is probably one of the hardest workers that I have encountered here at the U of I, and it more than pays off. Along with being active in many clubs here on campus, Joe still finds time to get the grades necessary for internships with accounting firms in "The Big 5".

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Upcoming Calendar

- May 24 – Founders Day Banquet Edgewood Valley Country Club in LaGrange, IL
- July 19 (tent.) – Alumni vs. Active Softball Game and Picnic Location TBD
- July 31–Aug. 3 – 162nd Annual Chi Psi Convention at Alpha Iota Delta in Atlanta, GA
- September 6 – Temple Hoyne Buell Scholarship Banquet at the Lodge in Champaign



On December 26th, 2002, my life changed forever. Around 10 in the morning, I received the phone call that no one wants to hear. I heard that on the previous day, my best friend had died. Not only did I lose my best friend, but I lost the person that I've lived with for three years, the person I shared a room with, the leader of my pledge class, and the one Lodger who I trusted the most. However, most of all, I lost my brother.

For those who did not really know TJ, he was a model Lodger and a model human being. He loved his family, especially his father, who would come frequently to visit from St. Louis. TJ also spent countless hours on the phone with his little brother Andrew, who was living with his mother up in St. Charles.

TJ was definitely a person who was full of life. He loved his family, his friends, his faith, his sports, and his Lodge. I think he definitely loved sports the most. I can barely remember a day where we did not wake up to ESPN and spend breakfast talking about how this was the Cardinals' year and how the Illini were going to the Final Four at the end of the season. TJ played in any intramural sport he could find or make time for. He was an avid player of football, he helped lead our soccer team to the finals, he played on our softball team, and was even the lead goal scorer on our roller hockey "B" team. He was involved in everything he could around campus. He was part of the Technology and Management program, Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity; he worked for the Illini Media Company, and even the University Dining Service. He loved to travel, spending time with Brother Parks in England and Ireland, spend a week or two in Belgium with classmates, as well as not forgetting to send me e-mail from Times Square in NYC just to say hello.

TJ had many ambitious dreams as well. He was highly motivated by politics and was planning on attending law school after his undergraduate time at U of I. I remember laughing with him about how he was going to be my lawyer if I could be his doctor, and we could watch each other's backs. We even joked about how if he was elected President of the United States, I could get to be his Surgeon General. Living with him was one of the defining moments in my collegiate life. Back in the temporary Lodge at 311 E Armory, you could usually find TJ in our



T.J. Nensel

room working on homework and projects, listening to music, watching a movie, or watching the big game. Our room was somehow always messy, especially during test time. I hate to admit this, but there were points when you couldn't see the floor around midterms. When living with TJ, I learned that excellence doesn't have enough time for cleaning up.

TJ had many of the qualities that make someone a great person and a great friend. He was always

friendly no matter what he was working on. Anytime you wanted to go in his room and talk, TJ would nearly drop everything he was doing and chat for a while. TJ was also very easy to approach, and he had a certain way of making you feel comfortable around him. He was always very passionate about everything he talked about. He could go on for hours about religion, foreign policy, school, sports, and how in ten years he would have his Porsche.

TJ also loved to talk about the Lodge. From what I had observed, the Lodge meant everything to TJ. The intensity and determination he possessed was evident from the first pledge meeting we attended. From that first day, TJ vowed to become the president that would lead Alpha Zeta Delta to greatness. I remember on more than one occasion we had spent all night discussing plans for the Lodge, only stopping when we wearily had to go to class. I can only describe TJ's vision as incredible. There are so many ideas that he had, and the Alpha can only be improved if we follow through on those thoughts. When he finally was elected as president of the Alpha, that determination was once again fired up, as his dreams were about to be accomplished. He would not rest until we received the Thayer Trophy from the next National Convention. Unfortunately, TJ did not get to realize that dream, as he was taken from us prematurely. I can only hope that future generations of brothers will take to heart everything that TJ stood for as a friend, a brother, a gentleman, and the great person that we should all strive to be. Brother, you will be greatly missed and may you be remembered always at gatherings of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi as well as forever in our hearts.

YITB,
Mike King '03

My Pal,
My Brother in
Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi.

It was the year 1940 when I was a pledge at Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi. At that time, George's dad, Larry Dickson, became active in Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi as a former member of Chi Beta Fraternity, which merged with Chi Psi that year. During the next three years that George was in high school, Larry would bring George to Illini football games. Larry would also, as president of the Zeta Delta alumni, preside over the annual alumni meeting at Homecoming.

Then, in 1943-46 while I was in the Navy, George was initiated into Chi Psi (in 1945), and he was in the army soon after that. Back at the University of Illinois in 1946 after World War II, George and I became the best of friends, and graduated in 1949.

A few years after that, George married Ann. They had twin daughters, Nancy and Susan, then Janet and Sandy. I watched the four daughters grow up, seeing them at corn roasts, anniversaries, college (three of the girls went to the University of Illinois, and Sandy went to Eastern Illinois at Charleston). I attended their weddings, and now there are ten grandchildren in the family. I am their adopted Uncle Frank.

During this time, George was an active Alpha Zeta Delta Alumni president a couple of times. Under difficult times, the Lodge on Second Street was sold, and George took over as president of the Alpha Zeta Delta Educational Foundation, and held meetings at his office every couple of months. As always, George was there to help. When funds were not available, George would purchase computers and other items that were needed at Zeta Delta.

I will always miss you, George, but I know you are there, somewhere, helping us out.

YITB,
Frank Huffman '44

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Reunite with Your Brothers at Founders Day on May 24th!

Founder's Day is right around the corner, so mark your calendars for May 24th, and join your fellow Zeta Delta Brothers for a night of celebrating the 162nd Birthday of Chi Psi Fraternity.

Last year's banquet was a tremendous success, and we're looking improve on that success this year.

The Banquet will be held at the Edgewood Valley Country Club, in LaGrange, IL. Along with dinner and drinks, some surprises are sure to be had. Cocktails will start at 5:00 P.M., and the cost is \$45/person, \$80/couple, not including drinks (same as last year).

Please try to make it to the banquet this year, and encourage other Chi Psi Brothers that you keep in touch with to do so also. While this has been a challenging year, the Alpha is on the verge of accomplishing really great things. But the strength of an Alpha is still measured by its alumni. Come out on the 24th, and show these Lodgers your support, and have a great time in the process. We guarantee you'll be glad you did.

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