



# THE PARTHENON

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF ALPHA ZETA DELTA OF CHI PSI AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • APRIL 2004

From the Corporation President

## Lodge Central to that Positive Fraternity Experience

It's baseball time again. After coming so close last season, hopes are higher than ever for the Cubs to make it to their first World Series since 1945 (and to win their first World Series since 1908). The fan-caught ball has been famously destroyed, the Billy Goat Curse has been exorcised again, and "wait 'til next year" time is here. Perhaps now is the time!?!

At the same time, Alpha Zeta Delta is hoping soon to be a Thayer Trophy finalist for the first time since 1977 and to win the coveted award as the best all-around Alpha for the first time since 1953. Alpha Zeta Delta has been the recipient of the Founders Trophy as the most improved Alpha twice in the 10 years since the sale of the old Lodge at 912 South Second, but the Brothers are now determined to reach a level of excellence worthy of being considered among the best of all Alphas nationwide.

They are off to a good start. Recruitment is strong, in terms of both quantity and quality. Campus and community involvement and participation in the Greek system are at levels not seen in decades. Academically, the trend continues upward with the overall GPA regaining a position above the all-men's average in the Spring 2003 semester.

The new Lodge feels increasingly more like home, having been there over a year now.



Corporation Board members gathered at last year's Founder's Day Banquet, where John McKinney, ZΔ'67, gave the keynote address

We are comfortably settled and rapidly increasing the occupancy level, but we are also facing the normal trials of home ownership, including unplanned maintenance and repair expenses that have strained the budget. For example, we knew that the flat roof was going to need a new surface in the next few years, but we didn't expect the water leakage issues we faced this past spring and summer. Resurfacing the roof, which is part of the renovations planned for completion following the capital fundraising campaign, will probably need to be moved up on the timetable. The corporation board has also committed to a preventative maintenance and planned savings program designed to avoid large unplanned maintenance expenses in the future and to drive down the total cost of ownership of the building. Just as regular oil changes can greatly extend engine life in a car, regular maintenance of the boiler, radiators, electrical system, plumbing, roof, and other major systems will extend the life of those systems, reducing the need for costly repairs or premature replacement.

Similarly, as even the best-maintained systems eventually need replacement, life expectancy and replacement cost of these major systems is being researched and compiled to allow us to budget an annual contribution to an emergency fund earmarked specifically for the inevitable replacement of systems as they reach the end of their useful life. By spreading the cost over several years, it will help ensure that funds are always avail-

able when large replacement expenses are required.

The new Lodge is proving to be a huge benefit for the Alpha on campus and an equally large challenge, which is to be expected. Those of us that lived in the old Lodge remember how central the Lodge can be to a positive undergraduate fraternity experience. We're undaunted by the challenges because we know that this is an opportunity to provide that same experience to future generations of Chi Psis. Personally, I hope some day that one or all of my four sons will have the chance to enjoy living in the new Lodge as members of our great fraternity.

In order to make this happen, we need everyone's help. We need volunteers to help serve on committees, to organize alumni events, or to assist with the capital fundraising campaign. Please see the article entitled "Help Wanted" on page 3 in this newsletter for ideas on how to get involved.

Also, if you haven't sent in your dues yet for 2003-04, please take a few minutes to do so. This helps provide funds for general operating expenses such as organizing alumni events and sending out this newsletter. Dues remain at only \$35, although larger donations are always very welcome. Make out your check to *The Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi* and send it to Eric Prester, 1219 Briar Brook Dr., Apt 2D, Wheaton, IL 60187.

YITB,  
Todd Fouts '89  
Zeta Delta Corporation President

### Save the Dates:

22 May

Founder's Day Banquet  
Edgewood Valley CC, LaGrange, IL

17 July (tentatively)

Alumni-Active Softball Game & Picnic

28 July – 1 August

163rd Chi Psi Convention, Sewanee, TN

28 August

Alumni Corporation Meeting  
Buell Scholarship Banquet

October 30

Homecoming – Illinois vs. Iowa

3 December

Initiation Banquet

# News & Such

## In the Spotlight:

# Chris Dohrn

➔ Congratulations go out to Dave St. Peter, ZΔ'98, on his recent engagement to his girlfriend Emily Plombon. Brother St. Peter served Alpha Zeta Delta as the #1 as an undergraduate, and played an integral role in our Alpha's move into the Alpha Chi Rho house in the summer of 1997, which helped to propel Alpha Zeta Delta to the position it's in today. Dave and Emily will be married on June 5th, in his hometown of Champaign, IL.



➔ Another Chi Psi baby has entered the world. Congratulations to Jeremy Doser, ZΔ'95, and his wife Shannon on the birth of their son Sean Dermot Doser. Sean was born on May 9, 2003, and weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. Sources close to the situation report that young Sean already takes after his father in many aspects of his daily life. But seriously folks...our sincere congratulations to the Doser family.

➔ Congratulations go out to Matthew Hess, ZΔ'00, for passing the Illinois Bar Exam this past summer. While Brother Hess doesn't wish his bar preparation experience on anyone, he is grateful to his Zeta Delta Brothers for helping him celebrate the occasion appropriately.

➔ Josh Hewes, ZΔ'04, was elected as an undergraduate representative to the Chi Psi Executive Council at the 162nd Annual Chi Psi Convention in Atlanta, GA, this past summer. Josh served Zeta Delta as #1 for the past two years, and will do an outstanding job representing the interests of all Chi Psi undergraduates as a member of the Council.

➔ Blake Hafenrichter, ZΔ'02, was recently engaged to his longtime girlfriend Melinda, and our congratulations go out to them. Blake was a quintessential Chi Psi Brother as an undergraduate, serving as #3, Athletic Chair and Brotherhood Chair, and we wish him and Melinda well as they prepare to be married this summer.

If you have any news about yourself or another Zeta Delta Brother to share with the rest of us, please let us know. Contact Matt Hess at 708-218-3121 or MatthewHess@hotmail.com.

Some guys have it all. Take Chris Dohrn, ZΔ'98, for example. He flies planes for a living. He married one of his former teachers. And in his spare time, he watches a lot of TV.

"It's something that I'm actually pretty good at, and so it takes up a lot of my time," Dohrn says. "I recently purchased a TiVo machine, and that has allowed me to take it to the next level."

Dohrn's life hasn't always been fun and games, although those who lived with him in the Lodge might think otherwise.

"He was always watching movies, or playing Nintendo or something," said Nick Stevens, ZΔ'01. "He was a solid Lodger, but he liked to have fun, and rock out to Tiffany with us."

As an undergrad, Dohrn served Alpha Zeta Delta in many capacities. For one, he was the Lodge Manager in the fall '97 semester - Zeta Delta's first in 311 Armory. The building had been neglected during the previous few years, and was far from habitable at first. But Dohrn worked tirelessly to try to clean the place up, and get it functioning properly.

"While I was Lodge Manager, the place never looked better," Dohrn reflected.

The following semester, as the Social Chair, Dohrn helped put Zeta Delta back on the campus map. After moving around from Lodge to Lodge in Urbana for the past several years, Zeta Delta was finally able to move back into a real fraternity house in Champaign. The challenge then became letting the rest of the campus know who Chi Psi was. He had many ideas on how to do that, including sorority candy deliveries on Valentines Day. But to him, a good party was the best way to get the Chi Psi name out.

"When I was social chair, we had the best parties. And ladies actually showed up to most of them." Dohrn said, jokingly.

It was during this time that Dohrn first met his wife-to-be. Heather Lumma was Dohrn's flight instructor, but sadly for our hero, she had this strange policy about not dating students.

"Then I asked her out 4 years later, and she must have been kind of desperate, and said yes." Dohrn said. "Once she agreed to go on a date,



the rest was easy. I relied on my stunning good looks, sophisticated sense of humor, and my well rounded and strong financial portfolio."

Dohrn's career path has taken him all over the country. After graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in Marketing/Business Administration, he stuck around Champaign to follow in his wife's footsteps and work as a flight instructor for 2 semesters. After that, it was off to San Antonio, Texas, for more flight instructing.

"That lasted all of 4 months. It was too damn hot."

Dohrn's next destination was Dupage airport, where he both worked as a flight instructor, and also as a shadow traffic pilot.

"You know those live traffic reports you hear on the radio? Well, I was one of the guys flying those guys all around the city looking at traffic for 4 hours at a time." Dohrn explained. "It was sweet."

Currently, Dohrn flies for Northwest Airlinck, an affiliate of Northwest Airlines, and lives in Belleville, MI with Heather. And while his hectic schedule doesn't let him get back to Champaign all that often, the Chris Dohrn legacy is prevalent throughout the Chi Psi Lodge. You see, guys still like to watch TV. They still like to watch movies, and play Nintendo. And strangely enough, they still rock out to Tiffany. But then again, who doesn't?

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From New #1 Jeff May:

# Alpha Renewal

Here on the University of Illinois campus, the Chi Psi Lodge has come a long way in the past few years. In only four years, we have more than doubled in size, dramatically improved our social standing on campus, witnessed a steady improvement in academics, and moved into a new Lodge at 110 East Armory. And yet, even while the older undergraduate Brothers and the recent alumni have much to look back on with pride, we are faced with the task of continuing to make improvements to the Lodge — both in the brotherhood that we share as well as in the organization that we comprise.



In the fall semester we had many successes as a fraternity. We had seven more guys living in the Lodge as compared to the previous year. With a GPA of 3.035, the Lodge grades remained solidly above the all-fraternity average. We also had a social calendar full of fun events. The most impressive of our events was an exchange with Alpha Omicron Pi in which approximately 80 Lodgers and AOPi's took charter buses up to Chicago to see an improv comedy show at the Improv Olympics. We all had a fantastic time. Also notable was our participation in the Atius-Sachem Mom's Day Sing with 4-H house. In the competition we won third place overall and won the award for best choreography. We also had a great time participating in many intramural sports. Last semester, the Lodge won intramural championships in roller hockey, volleyball, and football.

After a year in our new Lodge, we're all settled in nicely and really loving this Lodge and the extra space that it offers. We are able to enjoy large bedrooms, a kitchen with everything from a pizza oven to a deep fat fryer, and an enormous basement that's great for... um...studying. One of our main goals for the coming semester is to make lots of physical improvement to the Lodge. For what this Lodge lacks in character from the exterior, we intend to make up for in the interior. Already, we have furnished our basement with a ping-pong table and a foosball table using last semester's fundraising money from providing parking in our lot for football games. We have also replaced the old ceiling tiles in our dining room thanks to a generous donation from the father of one our actives. With our continuing efforts to improve the condition of the Lodge, and with major renovations scheduled to take place in the summer of 2005, the Lodge will soon be the most impressive fraternity housing on the entire campus.

We are looking forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead of us. After a successful fall rush, we are eager to build upon that success with a solid spring rush. So far, we have had

great attendance at our rush events and things are looking good for the coming weeks of rush. Also, our social calendar for the spring semester will be unparalleled in recent years with no less than seven events with sororities, including Atius-Sachem with the women of Alpha Gamma Delta. We will also be having a renewed commitment to philanthropy and community service projects. In April, we will host a soccer tournament philanthropy and we will be participating in the National Youth Service Day in partnership with Youth Service America in which every Lodger will perform at least one hour of community service in a local community service project.

We expect that this coming year will hold special significance for us because we are hop-

ing to purchase our Lodge during the summer. For the first time in over a decade, the Chi Psi men at the University of Illinois could actually own the Lodge in which they live. This will bring with it a new level of excitement, but also a new sense of dedication and responsibility not to squander the advances that have already been made. We all look forward to meeting this exciting challenge.

As always, we extend an invitation to any and all alumni to come down to Champaign and visit the new Lodge. We are always happy to welcome alumni visitors — those that we already know as well as those that we have yet to meet. Our doors are always open.

Y.I.T.B.,  
Jeff May, '05.5

Will You Volunteer for Chi Psi?

## Help Wanted

Your fraternity needs your help! Volunteer support from alumni is essential to a successful Alpha, and settling into a new Lodge offers many opportunities to get involved in a variety of ways.

For alumni with experience in the building and design industries, the remodeling and renovation projects planned for the Lodge offer many opportunities to get involved in ways that can also result in much-needed cost savings. The most immediate need is with architectural design, but once the work begins next summer, we will be able to use help with demolition, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other construction-related work.

The Alpha also benefits from ongoing advisory assistance. The AZD Corporation board accomplishes this through specialized committees made up primarily of alumni that do not serve on the board itself and do not need to attend board meetings regularly. For example, the scholarship committee helps with academic advising as well as assisting the Alpha scholarship chairman with developing new academic programs to promote improved scholarship in the Alpha. Similarly, the recruitment committee helps the Alpha recruitment chairman to prepare the Alpha to recruit another class of high-caliber

pledges through recruitment advising, workshops, and the Buell Scholarship program, which is an excellent tool for putting the Alpha in touch with high quality freshmen before they arrive on campus.

The AZD Corporation board also has need of assistance on its operational committees from those willing and able to help with accounting, law, event planning, building maintenance, and other specialized professional skills. Alumni interested in helping students with self development may want to consider serving as a guest speaker at an Alpha seminar to help students prepare for a career in a particular industry or specialty. Other seminar topics may include life skills such as personal financial planning, interviewing skills, or time management. For a more personal touch, mentoring an individual student is a great option. These kinds of activities don't take much time, but the impact can be enormous.

The list goes on. Please consider helping in whatever way you can. It doesn't necessarily take a lot of time or energy. A couple of hours a month or just one day a year can make a big difference for your fraternity. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please contact Todd Fouts '89 at 309-274-8662 or toddfouts@azdchipsi.org.

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Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to *The Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi*, which includes \$35 for 2003 alumni dues. I understand that this donation is not tax-deductible.

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Please contact me about volunteer activities. My specific area of interest is: \_\_\_\_\_

Add me to the Alumni E-mail List at: \_\_\_\_\_

Clip or copy & mail to Eric Prester, 1219 Briar Brook Drive, Apt 2D, Wheaton, IL 60187

Know a high school senior who will be attending Illinois this fall?

If so, tell him about Alpha Zeta Delta's  
*Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship*

An application can be found at:

<http://www.azdchipsi.org/Application.doc>

*Applications must be postmarked no later than 22 May 2004*

## Want to Stay in Touch With Your Brothers Electronically?

Subscribe to the new Illinois Chi Psi Alumni listserve. We will send out regular notices about alumni news and events.

Send an email to the following address:

[AZDalumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AZDalumni-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Together with a quality newsletter and great alumni events we hope we keep you connected to Chi Psi and U of I!

## New Chi Psi Scholarship Created

Here at the Lodge, we put a large emphasis on the academic performance of our Brothers. We also have a unique tool in aiding and encouraging academic achievement in the form of our Educational Foundation. The Foundation supplies funds to the Lodge for a wide variety of educational purposes. This includes rent money for study space, educational equipment such as desks and computers, as well as scholarships for undergraduate Lodgers aimed at rewarding scholastic achievement.

Each semester, \$1000 scholarships are awarded to Lodgers at the sophomore, junior, and senior level. Sophomores are eligible for the

George H. Bargh Memorial Scholarship, which is presented each semester to Chi Psi sophomores who demonstrate all-around excellence in scholarship as well as fraternity, campus, and community involvement. Juniors and seniors are eligible for the Robert C. Preble, Jr. Scholarship and the Robert C. Preble, Sr. Memorial Scholarship, respectively. These two scholarships are awarded on the same criteria as the George H. Bargh Memorial Scholarship. There are also scholarships that are based solely on GPA. Each semester, any Lodger with a perfect 4.0 receives the \$1000 Academic Excellence scholarship. In addition, the Lodger with the highest semester GPA of all the undergraduate

Brothers (below a 4.0) receives the \$500 Academic Achievement scholarship.

Beginning this year, a new scholarship was created. Since all of the previously mentioned scholarships are geared towards students with generally high grades, we needed something to motivate those Lodgers who struggle a bit academically. So, the new scholarship is an "Improved GPA" scholarship of \$500 that will be awarded each semester to the Lodger with the most significant improvement in his GPA from the previous semester. We hope that this new scholarship will help us even more in obtaining our goal to become one of the top fraternities academically on campus.



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