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Distinguished Service Awards Bestowed Upon Mason and Fouts on Founders' Day

By Matthew R. Hess, ZΔ '00

Alpha Zeta Delta celebrated Founders' Day in style this year with a black-tie optional event at the Bolingbrook Golf Club, an evening highlighted by the presentation of two Distinguished Service Awards.

Chi Psi Fraternity's Distinguished Service Award ("DSA") was created in 1939 and is given from time to time to those alumni who have been loyal and devoted to our Fraternity and, who through the years after college, have rendered conspicuously distinguished ser-

vice to Chi Psi and whom Chi Psi believes it fitting and proper to recognize and honor.

Todd A. Fouts, ZΔ '89, was presented with the 160th DSA. Brother Fouts led Alpha Zeta Delta as its #1 during a tumultuous period, shortly before the sale of the old Lodge at 912 South Second Street. After the sale of the Lodge, Fouts took over the leadership of the Alumni Corporation, serving as president for more than ten years. He served as Chairman of the National Fraternity's Rituals and Traditions committee during this time and was instrumental in ensuring that the Alpha maintained its strong traditions as it moved from Lodge to Lodge, passing on a reverence for Chi Psi rituals that persists throughout the Brotherhood to this day.

Brother Fouts shepherded the Alpha from on its journey from 912 South Second Street, to 311 East Armory, to 110 East Armory Avenue which the Alpha was able to call home for 15 years. He has also served the National Fraternity as a facilitator of the Educational Trust programs, on the Executive Council Advisory Board, as Convention Secretary three times and once as Convention Chairman. He resides in the Peoria area with his wife Diane and four sons, Kyle (ZΔ '18), Ryan, Evan and Sean.

Randy Mason, ZΔ '96, was presented with the 161st DSA, but was unable to attend the banquet due to a sudden illness following a business trip overseas. Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97, accepted the DSA on Brother Mason's behalf, offering an acceptance speech that was both moving and light-hearted. Brother Doser noted the importance of Mason's service to the Alpha as #1 during a period of time that



Verne G. Istock, E '62, #7, and Todd A. Fouts, ZΔ '89, following the presentation of the 160th DSA to Brother Fouts.



Verne G. Istock, E '62, #7 (left) and W. David Romoser, ZΔ '65 (right) share a laugh before presenting the DSA's.

Zeta Delta was without a Lodge. It was Mason's dedication and resourcefulness that ensured that Doser was able to be initiated at Alpha Epsilon Delta's Lodge in Evanston, Illinois, during a snow-storm that shut down I-57.

Brother Mason went on to serve as a trustee on the Alumni Corporation's Board of Directors before taking a few years off to obtain an MBA. Upon his return, Mason was elevated to president of the Corporation, a position which he held for twelve consecutive years. He held the Alpha together during its years at 110 East Armory, a period highlighted by the Alpha's hosting of the 171st Annual Convention in 2012.

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With Renewed Energy and Perspective, Brother Parks Returns to Lead Effort to Purchase Lodge

By Paul Parks, ZΔ '03

Friends, Alums, Brothers, it feels great to be back! It's not often someone migrates from Illinois to Arizona, then back to Illinois, but I don't regret it for one second. As much as I enjoyed having bats, sand, and rattlesnakes in my backyard, I prefer my bats at Wrigley Field, my sand on the beach of Lake Michigan, and my snakes sitting in Springfield.

For those of you unfamiliar with me, I was initiated into the bonds of our Brotherhood December 4, 1999, along with 7 other outstanding gentlemen, and graduated from the U. of I. on May 11, 2003. As an Undergraduate I held the positions of Rush Chairman, Social Chairman, Pledge Educator and #2. From 2005 through 2012 I had the pleasure and honor to serve as the Vice President of the AZΔ Alumni Corporation.

As you can see, since the age of 18 I have spent the majority of my adult years serving Chi Psi. I couldn't be happier playing a role in preserving something that means so much to many of us. I was extremely hesitant to take a break from my service in order to start a family and further my career, but it ended up being a blessing in disguise.

It's not a surprise that a small percentage of alums perform a majority of the duties at the alumni level. People move out of state, work and family activities fill up the weekends, life in general just happens. Still, some individuals make their service to Chi Psi a priority and squeeze it in...until "burn out" creeps in. I'd be lying if I didn't say that I was starting to feel a little burned out by the end of my tenure in 2012. I was 31 years old, thought I had it all figured out, but I felt stuck in a rut not being able to help our beloved Alpha rise to the level we all know it should be at. I had no idea at the time that I had such a narrow view of what it means to be an alumnus of AZΔ until I was able to step away for a few years and see the bigger picture.

The majority of alums don't serve on the Alumni Corporation board and aren't privy to all of the information that board members deal with the regarding the day-to-day operations of the Alpha. I found myself sitting in Arizona wondering, what was the state of the Alpha? Was I missing any fun alumni events? Who was in charge? It made me stop a moment and realize that I knew abso-

lutely nothing about the Alpha, and I had only been away for a very short amount of time. I was suddenly out of the rut I had been in for so long. I was finally able to relate to every alum of AZΔ. Now that I was able to recognize a gap in the operations of the alumni board that I couldn't see before, I knew there were probably more that hadn't been identified, and I developed ideas of how to start addressing them.



Let's face it, as an organization we are very "Lodge-centric" (for all of you PTI fans). The property at 912 South Second Street was very important to many, and it was a massive morale killer when we were forced to sell. Notice I keep using "we." Did I ever know, see, experience, or live in 912 South Second? No, but as a

Housing for fraternities and sororities is now at a premium. The theory of Darwinism is starting to come to life, and it won't be long before the wealthiest and/or most prepared Greek organizations will be the only ones left with a place to call home.

Brother in the Bonds, I can still feel the pain, and we are all in this together. It's unfortunate that since the sale of 912, we have almost grouped ourselves into factions based on what Lodge we lived in.

I lived in, and was initiated at, the Lodge at 311 East Armory Avenue, which I have always considered "MY Lodge." I was also fortunate to have been a part of the first group who lived at 110 East Armory Avenue, the property we moved out of last year. Even though many of us thought 110 East Armory was going to become a permanent Lodge, I always felt it wasn't "MY Lodge." It was only "THE Lodge" to those who initiated and spent a majority of their years there.

Some Brothers lived in apartments after the sale of 912; some lived in the Lodge at 908 South Lincoln Avenue in the mid 90's; others now live in the current Lodge. I'm disappointed in myself that I ever thought of any Lodge as "MY Lodge," and I would bet many others have felt the same as I did. I get it. Like so many of you, I lost "MY Lodge." Some of the best years of my life were spent at 311 East Armory. It's where I met my lifelong friends, my wife, and where I grew into the man I am today.

I believe it's time we are honest with ourselves and realize that we must stop dwelling on what we have lost and come together to create something that we can all call "THE Lodge." We share the same traditions and basic collegiate experiences. WE ARE BROTHERS, let's start acting like Brothers of Chi Psi and not Brothers of our particular physical Lodge. Recognizing that ours is a culture that needs to change, I am excited to inform all of you that we have the chance to be a part of something special for the first time since 1912.

I became proactive in researching the state of the Greek system on campus and learned some very valuable, and time-sensitive information that we should all be aware of. Housing for fraternities and sororities is at a premium. The theory of Darwinism is starting to come to life, and it won't be long before the wealthiest and/or most prepared Greek organizations will be the only ones left with a place to call home. A majority of the Greek buildings have come into such disrepair due to age that many organizations have been forced to follow one of a few roads. Some have sold their property to the University, or a developer, in which case the property is torn down and turned into something other than Greek housing. Some have entered into agreements with developers who pur-

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Remarks from the #1



By Joshua Samson, ZΔ '20,
#1

Revisiting this past semester, I've learned a lot since taking over as #1. Our Alpha has faced some bumps on the road, but as with any challenge we learn and continue to improve.

An update on what our Alpha has accomplished this past semester: First up is recruitment, where I'm pleased to report that we initiated 3 Brothers in the Spring. Although our goal is to recruit at least 5 new members every Spring, our new Brothers are quality gentlemen and we're pleased to have welcomed them into the Bonds of Chi Psi.

One of goals this year is to improve our recruitment efforts by establishing a better presence on campus, and our Alpha has come to an understanding that it starts

with a successful Fall recruitment. Our recruitment chairmen, Mikal Middleton, ZΔ '20 and Patrick Killigrew, ZΔ '19, have developed a plan and are committed to ensuring that all Brothers follow it to have a successful Fall recruitment, both in terms of numbers and quality.

Our Brotherhood itself has always been strong. The primary reason for that has been that our Alpha size has stabilized to around 30-40 members over the

past few years. Our Alpha has been working on a way for our Brothers to strengthen our bonds. The gentlemen's club that we have implemented was to help support brothers and establish positive mental health in our Lodge.

Next up is the state of the new Lodge. We have made a good deal of progress in fixing up the Lodge this summer. We repainted the main floor and cleared out a room that will be turned into a library and conference room. The main floor is so much more welcoming and will impress our alumni and PNM's (potential new members, formerly known as pledges) as well.



Mikal Middleton, ZΔ '20, Josh Samson, ZΔ '20, #1, and Tim Gilmore, ZΔ '20, #4 at this year's Annual Convention.

Another priority of ours this semester will be philanthropy. We are focused on increasing our philanthropic efforts this year significantly compared to past semesters. Once again, this past semester has been such a great learning experience in running the Alpha. My thoughts going into last semester com-

pared to this semester haven't changed regarding how our Alpha can improve, but since attending Convention last month and having a chance to see other Alphas bring home the Thayer or Founders Trophy, I have a newfound perspective and confidence that within my Alpha, I know that we - especially with the support and hope from our alumni - can be a finalist for any of those awards in the very near future.

Parks

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chase the land, build the Greek organization a new house, and then lease it back to them. Others, and there are many, who play "musical houses" every couple of years and move to properties becoming vacant due to a chapter leaving campus. The number of physical houses that don't exist anymore is staggering, but the number of Greek organizations is not declining. Developers are hungry for property because the demand is so great. Rents are sky-high and will quickly price out a majority of organizations, including ours.

The owner of the current Lodge enjoys working with us and has expressed interest in selling the property to us. Having first right of refusal to purchase a Greek house on campus that is within a workable price range is invaluable. I consider the individuals who had the opportunity to fund the planning and building of 912 South Second some of the luckiest Brothers in our history. They had the passion and drive to build a home that housed our Alpha for 70+ years giving Chi Psi the opportunity to thrive and make many of us the men we are today. We have that same opportunity now to come together and create a legacy for Chi Psi's on the U. of I. campus for the next 100 years. How lucky are we that we will one day be able to sit back and say that we had a hand in keeping Chi Psi a formidable presence

News & Such

- Congratulations to the Alumni Board's very own **Alex Sagil, ZΔ '05**, and his wife Laura, on the birth of their son, Martin Amundson Sagil, on May 4, 2018. The new parents reside on the North side of Chicago, and we couldn't be happier for the entire family.
- Nick Stevens, ZΔ '01** and his wife Beth have welcomed their second young girl into this world in two years. Harper Lynn Stevens was born on May 16, 2018, and joins her sister Elise and big brother Ian as part of the now 5-member family. Our heartiest congratulations go out to Nick and Beth.
- The entire Zeta Delta family sends its condolences to the family of Brother **Stanley Iverson, ZΔ '50**, who died on March 29, 2018 at the age of 91. Brother Iverson is survived by his three sons David, Dan and Wade, and four grandchildren, Kirsten, Matthew, Samantha and Ben.
- Geoff Bacci, ZΔ '00**, and his wife Melanie have also reproduced for a second time, welcoming daughter Angela Rafaela Bacci into the world last December. Angela joins big brother Tré in the Bacci household. Congrats!

If you have a news item you'd like to share with your fellow alumni brothers, please email Matt Hess at mrhess78@gmail.com and it will be included in the next issue of *The Parthenon*.

on campus so that future Chi Psi's could learn and grow into men as we did.

As the Fundraising Committee Chairman, I am here to let you know that failure is NOT an option. We have survived the sale of our original home, living in apartments with only seven active members. We have consistently been at or above 30 active members for the past 20 years. The future of AZΔ is in our hands, more so now than ever. I'm calling on all AZΔ Lodgers to band together for the first time since the early 20th century and be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Purchasing a property on campus is vital to our existence, and we may not get this opportunity again. Gentlemen, we know what needs to get done. Let's do this for the Brothers we've lost; let's do this for the Brothers we haven't yet met; it's our time, LET'S GO!

In the Spotlight:

Bryan Truttling, ZΔ '06

Years from now when we look back, the Spring 2003 semester will stand out as a watershed moment in the history of Alpha Zeta Delta – and not only because that is when Bryan Truttling, ZΔ '06, first walked through the door.

Less than a year earlier, the Alpha was notified that it would have to vacate the Lodge at 311 East Armory because the landlord, Alpha Chi Rho, wanted to re-colonize. The Alumni Corporation hurriedly reviewed its options and chose to enter into a lease-to-own contract for the old Delta Sigma Phi house located at 110 East Armory. Momentum was building, numbers were up, and it appeared as if being forced into a larger house may have had a catapult effect the Alpha was looking for to launch her ever closer toward the goal of purchasing a Lodge.

But then tragedy struck when the #1, T.J. Nensel, died in an automobile accident on Christmas Day, 2002. The entire Brotherhood was still grieving heavily when they returned to Champaign in January. It would have been understandable if the undergraduates proved unable to get on with their business at hand, not only in terms of their own schoolwork but also in recruiting new members and running the fraternity.

But as we all know, the Alpha rallied and secured an impressive pledge class that semester. The biggest name of all – literally – was Bryan Truttling, a defensive lineman on Ron Turner's Fighting Illini football team.

"I joined Chi Psi during spring rush 2003. A friend of mine was looking to join a fraternity and I was just along for the ride. We stopped by the Lodge on Armory and mingled with the brothers. Everyone was pretty friendly, and I felt like it was a place where I could fit in and have friends."

As always, a point of emphasis during rush is to attract potential new members (now called "PNM's" rather than "pledges") who are not one-dimensional and who involve themselves in other student organizations and activities. Being able to recruit a

football player validated the Alpha's growth efforts to some on the outside.

For Truttling, even though he stood out in terms of size, checking in at 6'3" and 290 lbs. at the time, his personality and character are what earned him a bid because they aligned perfectly with what Zeta Delta had become and were consistent with the values of Chi Psi.

"As a Chi Psi, I learned, most of all that I can be myself. The people were truly interested in this Bryan Truttling guy, not Bryan Truttling the football player. That is something that means more to me than most things in my college and adult experience."

Not only was Truttling a stand-out football player coming out of high school, but he was also an equally skilled golfer. And though an imposing figure, Truttling's good nature and presence in the Lodge always lightened the mood of the Brotherhood. He recalls having several mentors during his time in the Lodge, including Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, Tim Coulombe, ZΔ '04, Adithya Setty, ZΔ '05, Whitney Brooks, ZΔ '05 and John Bosche, ZΔ '05.

One of his fondest memories from his time in the Lodge, like many of us, was Initiation.

"In all of my excitement, I fell down a flight of stairs. To say the least, initiation was a little quicker for me." Other than that, his fondest memories came when he and his brothers were just hanging out at parties, talking with the guys and "cozying up with the broad-shouldered gals of Phi Mu and 4H."

Not that he would suggest it, but the East Chicago, Indiana, native initially chose English as his major at the University of Illinois. He eventually went on to obtain an M.S in Special Education as

well as an M.S in School Leadership.

Truttling investigated several different career paths before deciding upon education to be his life's work.

"Post-graduation, I tried my hand at NFL opportunities and that didn't quite work out. Shortly thereafter, I made use of my time and got into real estate. I was working short sales and flipping while taking advantage of the sub-prime era to make a living. After the bubble popped, I turned back to my degree. I felt like the best place for me after all of this is teaching. I went back to school, earned a masters or two and [have] been in the classroom ever since."

Today, Truttling lives in Urbana, Illinois with his wife, Jana, whom he married in March. The happy couple is expecting their first baby in December. He is a fourth-grade teacher at Garden Hills Elementary in Champaign.

Truttling has a passion for growth in student aptitude. He tries to make each child's learning experience as individualized as possible. He credits Chi Psi with helping him develop that ability.

"I think that in the grand scheme, belonging to a group gives you the ability to think outside the box. With as many guys as we had, not everyone agreed or even got along at times. The bottom line is as a unit we persevered through our differences, and that is a key for me every day at my school."

When he's not at work in the classroom, you'll often find Truttling reading or writing poetry – when he's not on the golf course, that is.

As for words of wisdom to impart on the undergraduates, Truttling's message is simple:

"Do not major in English unless you dream of writing the next Harry Potter-esque chronicle. Other than that, be the good you want to see in your life, and remember that the things you do the people you interact with will have some impact on your life post-graduation. Carry yourself with the utmost integrity because that will define you."



Alpha Iota Hosts 177th Convention, Wins Thayer Trophy

Educational Trust Awards Scholarships to Zeta Delta Brothers Kelly and Dellinger

A strong contingent of eight Zeta Delta brothers attended the 177th Annual Convention this year, which was hosted by Alpha Iota at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

Alpha Iota, whose Lodge sits on the shore of Lake Mendota, hosted a reception on Friday evening during which brothers had the opportunity to reconnect with friends and meet new brothers from around the country. They also partook in a game of Whales' Tails with brothers from Iota who, sadly, put the Zeta Delta contingent to shame.

Saturday evening was dominated by Alpha Iota. Lee Hawkins, ZΔ '93, gave a mov-

ing keynote address in which he praised Chi Psi for being a fraternity of diversity and inclusiveness throughout its history. Br. Hawkins is a News Editor and on-camera reporter for the Wall Street Journal, where he reports on the video, digital, print, and broadcasting platforms.

Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented following the keynote address. Doug Buglewicz, Γ '96, was awarded the 162nd DSA posthumously. Doug was a mem-

ber of the Executive Council of Chi Psi Fraternity and the heart and soul of the successful effort to re-found Alpha Gamma at Ole' Miss in 2013. His brother, Andy Buglewicz, Γ '00, accepted the award on his behalf.

The 163rd DSA was awarded to Steve Rickmeier, EΔ '69. Br. Rickmeier resides in Lake Forest, Illinois. He joined Chi Psi's Executive Council in 2012 and became chairman in 2014. He previously served as Chairman of The Chi Psi Edu-

cational Trust Annual Fund and was also heavily involved in the EΔ Alumni Corporation before the Alpha at Northwestern University went dormant in 2012.

The night was capped off with Alpha Iota being awarded the Thayer Trophy, presented annually to the most outstanding Alpha in Chi Psi.

At the Trust Dinner on Thursday, Kristian Kelly, ZΔ '19, and Quinn Dellinger, ZΔ '20, were awarded the George H. Bargh Memorial Scholarship and Preble Scholarship, respectively. The Educational Trust's ability to award these annual scholarships is a direct result of the sale of the old Lodge at 912 South Second Street. Congratulations to Brothers Kelly and Dellinger!



Founders' Day

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On hand to present the awards were past DSA recipients the, Verne G. Istock, E '62, #7, W. David Romsos, ZΔ '65, and Dr. Ralph N. "Whitey" Silverio, EΔ '71, Ψh, Φh. The Alpha was particularly honored to welcome Brother Istock to its Founders' Day gathering. During his remarks, Istock reflected on the dormancy of his beloved Alpha, Alpha Epsilon, stressed the importance of having experienced leadership in the Fraternity and encouraged the Brotherhood to elect upperclassmen to leadership positions. The undergraduates who attended the event were particularly honored to have the chance to discuss issues facing the Fraternity with their #7.

Before the DSA presentations, Jonathan Lester, ZΔ '18, was presented with the H. Seger Slifer Award by Cameron J. Wall, ZΔ '11. The Slifer award, which was formerly known as The Senior

Award, was established in 1924 and is awarded annually in memory of Brother H. Seger Slifer, E 1912, who served as #7 from 1961 - 1967. The award is present-



Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97 accepts the 161st DSA on alongside Verne G. Istock, E '62, #7, and Ralph "Whitey" Silverio, EΔ '71, Ψh, Φh.

ed to a senior Brother in the Alpha based upon scholarship, activities, service and exhibition of Chi Psi conduct.

Paul J. Parks, ZΔ '03, gave a keynote speech in which he addressed the difficulty in bringing an alumni body together

which has had such vastly different undergraduate experiences. He noted that there are several blocks of alumni Brothers who only know 912 South Second Street as "The Lodge." For others, "The Lodge" is located at 311 East Armory Avenue and is currently available for rent on AirBNB. For Brothers who have graduated during the past 15 years, the only Lodge that they've known is the one at 110 East Armory Avenue, which was recently demolished.

Whether you spent your undergraduate years at the Lodge at 912, 311, 110, or at one of the group houses that the Alpha inhabited following the sale of 912, Parks emphasized that we are all Brothers in Alpha Zeta Delta, and that it is time for our Alpha to stop jumping around from house to house.

His call for stability was aimed at the undergraduates just as much as alumni, because the responsibility to ensure the perpetuation of Alpha Zeta Delta now falls on their shoulders. He expressed confidence in the undergraduates' ability to succeed in all areas of fraternal life.

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The Sports Page

New Offense Means New Hope for Lovie Smith

When Athletic Director Josh Whitman fired Bill Cubit and moved swiftly to hire Lovie Smith as head coach of the Fighting Illini three years ago, enthusiasm spread like wildfire throughout Illini nation. Three years later, the Illini faithful are still waiting for Whitman's bold move to pay off.

Smith was a successful head coach in the NFL by any standard, leading the Chicago Bears to the Super Bowl in 2006 and garnering a lifetime record above .500. His dismissal as head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers came under dubious circumstances, and there is little doubt that he could still succeed today at the sport's highest level.

Which is why Illini fans were as confused with his hiring as they were excited. Surely Lovie Smith could have a job on an NFL staff if he wanted one. Why would he drop down to the college ranks to do a job he has never done before? And more importantly, why would he choose Illinois?

The skeptics among us quickly pointed to the money. Smith signed a six-year, \$21M contract in 2016. The contract includes a buyout if he leaves for another head coaching position (which decreases by \$500,000 each year he stays at Illinois), and if he is fired after the 2018 season he will still be owed \$11M. Being able to coach college kids in Illinois, an area with which he is familiar, is akin to a retirement, they said, and they were not convinced that he was truly motivat-

ed to succeed at Memorial Stadium.

The optimists would not be persuaded. Any competitive person would always be up for a new challenge, and the opportunity to build a program from the ground up was likely what drew Smith to Champaign. They cited Smith's notorious reputation as being a teacher on the football field and were confident that his style would translate well in the liv-



ing room, as a recruiter, and in the college game. What's more, his ability to recruit a top-level coaching staff would transform Illinois into a Big 10 power.

Three years later, Smith sports a record of 5-19 (2-16 Big 10). In his defense, the talent cupboard was bare when he took over, and it takes time to turn over an entire roster. But things were obviously not going according to Smith's plan, which is why he fired offensive coordinator Garrick McGee at season's end and hired Rod Smith to take over the offense. Rod Smith, who previously served as Rich Rodriguez's offensive

coordinator at the University of Arizona, will bring a new high-tempo, spread offense type of scheme to which the Illini players may take some time to adjust.

The new offense may be a perfect fit for QB Cam Thomas, the only QB remaining on campus after Jeff George, Jr. transferred to Michigan and Chayce Crouch gave up football. The QB play was about as bad as it can get last year, and while Thomas will have a chance to win the starting job transfer student AJ Bush and true freshmen MJ Rivers and Coran Taylor will be given every opportunity to show what they can do as well.

While the QB picture may take some time to clear up, Mike Epstein will get the bulk of the carries at RB, as long as he can stay healthy. As a true freshman, Epstein impressed in flashes, leading the Illini with 346 rushing yards in just five games. If the speedster can fulfill the promise he showed last year, the Illini may find a way to win a Big 10 game.

Things look better on the defensive side of the ball. The defensive line is the best unit on the team, led by DT Jamal Milan and DE's Isaiah Gay and Bobby Roundtree. Two four-star freshmen, Calvin Avery and Verdis Brown, will add depth to a solid unit.

Smith played 22 true freshmen last year, the most in the nation. That illustrates the lack of talent that he was left with. If he can squeeze some improvement out of those youngsters, add a few talented freshmen into the mix and solve the quarterback puzzle, the Illini may not be terrible this year.

You Have Two Chances to Pre-Game at the Lodge this Year!

Alumni Weekend - September 8, 2018

Western Illinois Leathernecks vs. Illinois Fighting Illini



vs.



6:30 pm Kickoff

It's a night game, so there is plenty of time for a BBQ lunch at the Lodge and tailgating in Grange Grove. Contact Cam Wall, ZA '11, at cjwall147@gmail.com for more information.

Homecoming - October 13, 2018

Purdue Boilermakers vs. Illinois Fighting Illini



vs.



3:00 pm Kickoff

Morning festivities at the Lodge along with a 10:00 am Alumni Corporation meeting. Contact Jim Hastings, ZA '74 (hastingsdvm@hotmail.com) or Bill Swick, ZA '77 (bswick77@gmail.com) for ticket information.

Nominations Sought for Alumni Board Positions

Committee Assignments Available for Alumni Brothers Looking to Volunteer

While Yearly Dues Remain the Lifeblood of the Alumni Corporation



By Matthew R. Hess,
ZΔ '00

One of the annual duties of the Alumni Corporation president is to solicit dues from the alumni body. It's an important task but one that I am having trouble embracing.

Don't get me wrong – collecting annual dues is vital to the success of the Alumni Corporation. Aside from rent payments from the undergraduates living in the Lodge (which, in turn, are used to pay our own rent insurance and maintenance on the Lodge), dues are the Alumni Corporation's only source of income. They allow us to maintain the Lodge, publish the Parthenon, purchase necessary supplies for meetings and seminars for the Alpha and pay yearly filing fees to the State of Illinois.

But I believe that anyone paying dues to an organization should expect to get something in return other than a feeling of satisfaction for fulfilling an obligation. That is why the Alumni Board has made a concerted effort to give our alumni something back this year. We have made great strides (we hope) in improving communication with our alumni Brothers by distributing regular newsletters and by re-launching our website (www.AZDChiPsi.org).

We have also attempted to host and promote more alumni events, including the recent Founders' Day Banquet and the Arlington Park event. These events, in addition to our golf outing, informal happy hours and Alumni Weekends and Homecoming, provide an opportunity for alumni Brothers to reconnect

with one another and get to know the undergraduates to whom we are entrusting the legacy of AZΔ.

Finally, we have taken our role as mentors and advisers of the undergraduates and Alpha officers seriously this year, conducting an AMR for the undergraduates in January and holding numerous meetings and conferences throughout the year. We have been impressed by the quality of young men

ever thought about getting back involved with the Lodge, now is the perfect time to jump back in.

There are many committees for which we need volunteers, including the Recruitment, Career Guidance, Scholarship, Property and the Social Committees. Serving on a committee is a great way to maintain your connection with the Lodge and your fellow alumni following graduation, learn how the Alumni Corporation operates without a burdensome time commitment, and help guide the undergraduates as they grow into their new Lodge.

Additionally, all four officer positions and two trustee positions are up for election this year. Elections will be held at our annual meeting at Homecoming on October 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. If you are at all interested in serving on the Board, or know someone who is, please submit your nomination to Cameron Wall, ZΔ '11, at cjwall147@gmail.com.

Paying your dues will allow you to vote at the annual meeting, which is another great reason to submit your payment today. Alumni dues are \$55 per year (\$45 for brothers from classes 2013-present), and you can easily pay your dues or make a donation above and beyond the requested amount online at www.AZDChiPsi.org, or by sending in the form on the next page of this newsletter along with a check.

We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of Alpha Zeta Delta. I truly believe that great things are on the horizon for our Alpha, but we cannot succeed unless the undergraduates succeed and our alumni come together. Whether you come down for the Alumni Weekend in September, Homecoming, or Initiation, we hope to see you soon!

Help Wanted!

Committees in Need of Members:

- ◆ Recruitment
- ◆ Career Guidance
- ◆ Scholarship
- ◆ Property & Risk Mgmt.
- ◆ Social / Alumni Events

*If interested, contact Matt Hess
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who inhabit the Lodge and are confident that they will continue to push Zeta Delta to new heights in the coming years.

None of this would have been possible without your generous payment of dues and donations last year, and on behalf of the Corporation, I thank you.

While I must again ask that you renew your commitment to Alpha Zeta Delta by paying your yearly dues, I also want to ask you for another kind of donation – a donation of your time and energy. We are actively seeking volunteers to help do the important work of the Alumni Corporation, so if you've

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Event Schedule

Sep. 8	<u>Alumni Weekend</u> AZΔ Lodge <i>Fighting Illini v. W.I.U. Leathernecks</i>
Oct. 13	<u>Homecoming</u> AZΔ Lodge <i>Fighting Illini v. Purdue Boilermakers</i>
Dec. 7-8	<u>Initiation</u> AZΔ Lodge <i>Banquet to Follow</i>
Jan. 5, 2019	<u>Alpha Management Retreat</u> Location TBD
Feb. 23, 2019	<u>Midwest Rowe Regional Conference</u> AZΔ Lodge
May 18, 2019	<u>Founders' Day Banquet</u> Location TBD

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