



# THE PARTHENON

Official Newsletter for Alumni of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi

April, 2019

## Phase 1 Goal Reached!

*\$500,000 Raised Thanks to Lost-Minute Anonymous Gift; Phase 2 Begins Now*



By Matthew R. Hess,  
ZΔ '00

The steering committee for the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign is excited to announce that we have reached our goal in Phase 1 of

the capital campaign, raising \$500,000 since January!

On behalf of all Zeta Delta Brothers - past, present and future - I want to thank each and every one of you who has contributed to the campaign. Through your generosity, Zeta Delta is on the precipice of making good on a promise it made 25 years ago to find a suitable building to serve as a new permanent Lodge for Zeta Delta's second century.



When the old Lodge at 912 South Second Street was sold 25 years ago, the leadership of the Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation had a plan. Rather than keep the proceeds from the sale - which would have resulted in a significant capital gains tax payment - most of the proceeds were donated to the Zeta Delta

Educational Foundation in the hopes that, someday, that money may be used to help purchase a new Lodge.

No one expected it to take 25 years, but here we are, on the verge of securing Zeta Delta's future for generations of Brothers to come.

Our Alpha has had its ups and downs since that fateful day in January, 1994 when the old Lodge was sold. In the wake of the sale, membership dwindled as Brothers were forced to find apartments in which to live during the 1993-1994 school year. Those dedicated Brothers - including Steve McFarlin, ZΔ '95, James Bridgewater, ZΔ '95, Randy Mason, ZΔ '96, Chris Pounds, ZΔ '96 and Adam Pichon, ZΔ '96 - kept the Alpha alive, conducting formal meetings in apartments and creating the "Juices of the Jungle" tradition which still lives on

to this day.

That enterprising group of Lodgers was even able to recruit a new member - Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97. Initiating Brother Doser proved to be a challenge, however. While Alpha Epsilon Delta at Northwestern graciously offered its facilities, Mother Nature decided to unload a massive snowstorm that winter, resulting in the closure of I-57 and significant Amtrak delays. The guys were somehow able to cut in line to get on a train and arrive at the Epsilon Delta

Lodge well after midnight so that Brother Doser could be initiated.

We are all thankful that they did, as Brother Doser - and all of the aforementioned Brothers - have played a key role in the survival of the Alpha, and continue to do so to this day. They are also my dear friends whom I never would have

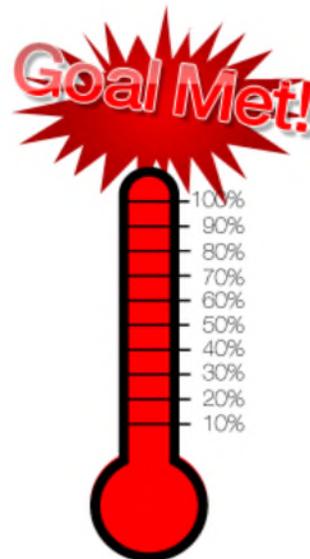
met if the Alpha was allowed to go dormant.

Zeta Delta rebounded quickly, winning the Founders' Trophy (awarded to the most improved Alpha) in 1995, and again in 2000

thanks to the dedicated alumni leadership of Todd Fouts, ZΔ '89. We thought we had turned a corner when Zeta Delta took up residence in the old Delta Sigma Phi house at 110 East Armory Avenue in 2002. But when a capital campaign launched in 2004 stagnated, recruitment did as well. Eventually, Kappa Delta Sorority bought the Delta Sig's house for \$2.4M in 2016 so they could tear the building down and rebuild a sprawling new sorority house on the property, forcing Zeta Delta to find a new home.

The Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation, under Brother Mason's leadership, was resourceful enough to secure a lease in the current location - the house originally owned by the Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry fraternity. But our search for a permanent Lodge never ended. Finally, we are on the cusp of stabilizing our housing situation and securing our future.

When we launched this capital campaign, we named it "Restoring Excellence: The Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign" for a reason. While purchasing a Lodge is obviously the task at hand, it is not the



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# Remarks from the #1



By Mikal Middleton,  
ZΔ '20, #1

When I took over as #1, I came with an ambitious agenda. I did so because

of the faith I had in the people around

me and in the Lodge. I am extremely pleased to report that, with the efforts we have made so far to improve the Lodge, we have set ourselves up to be a successful fraternity both immediately and well into the future.

One of our first goals this year was to tighten up our finances. We've been much improved this year with our record keeping and financial spending so that we can more accurately budget and make sure we account for all expenses in coming years. Our #4, Quinn Dellinger, ZΔ '21, has done a phenomenal job so far in that respect, and I believe we are turning the corner in that aspect of the Lodge.

Another thing we've done this semester is update our bylaws to more accurately represent our current Alpha. Michael Rivkin, ZΔ #2, did the heavy lifting on this project, and he did great job.

We've also been very successful on the recruitment front this school year. We initiated ten Brothers in the Fall and currently have seven

pledges this Spring. The seven-man Spring pledge class is the largest Spring class since 2003, an accomplishment of which we are very proud.

With respect to philanthropy, we've already participated in multiple high profile events this semester, including Walk As One, Illinithon, and the AEPHI Olympic games most recently where we



The Alpha's leadership, from left to right: John Murphy, ZΔ '20; Patrick Killegrew, ZΔ '19; Quinn Dellinger, ZΔ '21, #4; Mikal Middleton, ZΔ '20, #1; Michael Rivkin, ZΔ '21, #2; and Daniel Abel, ZΔ '20.

placed second overall. Walk As One was an event where we joined local police officers to hand out information on alcohol awareness before Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. Illinithon is an annual event where

University of Illinois students register and solicit donations to help benefit sick children at a local hospital. In response to receiving donations, students pledge to dance for 12 straight hours. This year was a banner year for us in terms of both Alpha participation and total money raised. Our Brothers were able to raise just under \$2,000!

Don't worry, it hasn't been all work and no play though here at the Lodge. We've certainly made time to have fun and strengthen our bonds of brotherhood. We're as tight of a group as ever.

Between our membership growth, the potential purchase of a new and permanent



Zeta Delta Brothers were all smiles following the Illinithon, a dance marathon benefiting sick children.

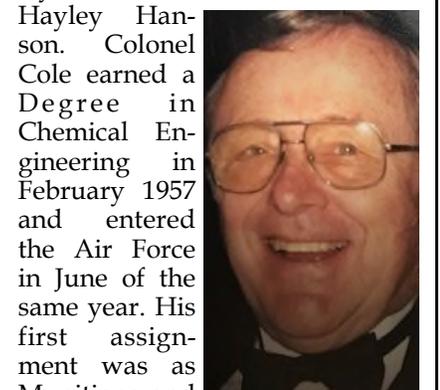
Lodge, and our renewed commitment to scholarship and campus involvement, the future Of Zeta Delta is bright.

## News & Such

◆ Former Zeta Delta #1 and Alumni Corporation stalwart, **Dr. Neal Rushforth**, and his wife Audra, recently celebrated the birth of their third child, Blake Daniel Rushforth. Young Blake came into this world on January 9, 2019. He joins big brother Brooks and sister Quinn in the Rushforth household in Bloomington. Congratulations to the entire family!!

◆ Congratulations go out to **Bob Hawley, ZΔ '10**, and his wife Amy, on the birth of their first child, Audra, who was born on February 5, 2019.

◆ Our deepest condolences go out to the family of **Col. Alan R. Cole, USAF, Ret., ZΔ '56**, who passed away peacefully on March 3, 2019, at his home in Corrales, New Mexico. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Merry Cole; his son, Scott Cole (Lisa), daughters Stacy Cole Stefan (Todd) and Merry Hanson (Mark), and grandchildren Ryan and Kimberly Cole, Nicole and Dylan Stefan, Derrick Duran and Hayley Hanson.



Colonel Cole earned a Degree in Chemical Engineering in February 1957 and entered the Air Force in June of the same year. His first assignment was as Munitions and Nuclear Ordinance Officer with the 20th Tactical Fighter Wing in the U.K. He later earned a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering. In 1968, he served as Assistant Professor of Physics and course Director at the United States Air Force Academy. Then in 1982 he became the Chief of the Advanced Technology Division at Kirtland Air Force Base NM. His decorations include the Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and The Legion of Merit. He took great pride in his family and he severed his country with outstanding dedication and honor.

# In the Spotlight:

## Michael Tobin, I '19

*Editor's Note: As Alpha Zeta Delta prepares to move into its new Lodge at 710 West Ohio Street, the decision was made that the Alpha should have a live-in Alumni Advisor every year to provide guidance and support to the undergraduate Brothers.*

*Michael Tobin, I '19, has graciously volunteered to serve in this role during the 2019-2020 school year, as he will be starting a job with the Kraft Heinz Company in Champaign. Brother Tobin led Alpha Iota to a Thayer Trophy last year, and we could not be more excited to be welcoming him into the Zeta Delta family.*

Dear Brothers of Alpha Zeta Delta,

My name is Michael Tobin, I '19, and I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison studying Industrial and Systems Engineering. I will be graduating in May with a Bachelor's Degree from the College of Engineering, and after that will go to work for the Kraft Heinz Company in their Manufacturing Management Trainee Program. I will spend one month in Chicago for onboarding and training, but once that is complete, I will be relocated to the Kraft plant in Champaign, Illinois, to work on my Yellow Belt Six Sigma Project for Kraft Heinz.

During my time in Madison, I was fortunate enough to become part of the Brotherhood of Alpha Iota of Chi Psi. I served as the Parents and Alumni Chair, Senior Recruitment Chair, Pledge Educator, and #1 during my time in Chi Psi. On top of that, I served as the Undergraduate Midwest Regional Representative for the Chi Psi Central Office, which allowed me to have my first exposure and experience working with Alpha Zeta Delta. Chi Psi truly shaped my college experience in Madison, and I look forward to continuing my work with Chi Psi after my graduation in Champaign.

Through my work as the Parents and Alumni Chair, I was able to reorganize and establish our Alpha alumni directory which had been nonexistent prior to my term. I also served as a main point of communication between the alumni and active body of Alpha Iota to allow for the alumni to be aware of the activities of the undergraduates. I also managed the Alpha Iota Alumni Facebook page that also documented the activities of the



active body for the alumni. Lastly, I organized and executed Alpha Iota's Dad's Weekend which was a success for all involved. Previously, Alpha Iota's Dad's Weekend only took place on Saturday and Sunday, but I extended it to include Friday by adding a Father-Son Bar Crawl for that night. On Saturday, all the fathers and sons came to the Lodge to watch the Badger football game (I regret to inform everyone that the Badgers beat the Illini that weekend) where there was a spread of food and drinks for everyone involved. That evening, I rented out a local BBQ restaurant and Madison for a cocktail hour and dinner for all the Fathers and Sons. We then spent the night at the Lodge and around Madison. Sunday was capped off with a golf outing at a local golf course which was followed with an NFL watch party and grill out back at the Lodge. Overall, it was a great experience to execute an event like this and provided me experience I believe I can help translate to events at Alpha Zeta Delta.

During the Spring 2017 semester, I was fortunate to serve as the Senior Recruitment Chair for Alpha Iota. Working with my 3 Junior Rush Chairs, we organized one of the most successful recruitment periods in the history of Alpha Iota. We organized 11 recruitment events across the 3-week rush period along with leading 5 recruitment meetings with the active body. We were successful in organizing new events that revitalized the active body's interest in rush that also helped attract Potential New Members such as renting out a local bar/restaurant and having a boot hockey tournament on the frozen Lake Mendota. In the end, we gave out 26 bids and had 22 of them sign with the Lodge. At the time, this was the largest Pledge Class ever recruited at Alpha Iota. Many of these Brothers went on to hold very important positions within our Alpha and have become leaders within and outside of the Lodge. For this recruitment period, I was given a budget of \$2,500 and came in well under budget, an accomplishment for which I was very proud. Along with these responsibilities, I also served as a day-to-day executive council member to help manage risk and make important positions. This experience was truly eye-opening, and I learned a lot about what it takes to execute a quality Recruitment Period which is something I truly believe will be an asset during my time at Alpha Zeta Delta.

I was also elected to serve as the Midwest Regional Representative for the Chi Psi Central Office during the Rowe Regional Conference in February 2017 at Alpha Epsilon. Through this position, I served as a resource for any Alpha in the Midwest, including Alpha Zeta Delta. I also wrote semesterly reports for the Central Office on all Alphas in the Midwest. Through this, I communicated directly with Alpha Zeta Delta so I already have an elementary understanding of the Alpha. Additionally, I served as voting member of the Chi Psi National Executive Council where I participated in the discussion and voting of very important matters for our Alphas and National Fraternity as a whole. Lastly, this position allowed me gain real access in what the Central Office expects from each Alpha, and I am confident I can use

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# Alumni Corporation Unanimously Votes to Approve Lodge Purchase at March 30 Special Meeting

Twenty-five years ago, a special meeting of the Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation was held to discuss and vote on a resolution to sell the old Lodge at 912 South Second Street. At that emotional meeting, it was decided that the majority of the proceeds from the sale would be donated to the Zeta Delta Educational Foundation so that the majority of the proceeds would not be lost due to capital gains taxes. The plan that the Alumni Corporation leadership crafted at that time was that the proceeds could someday be used to finance the purchase of a new, permanent Lodge for Alpha Zeta Delta.

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, another special meeting was held. At that time, the full membership of the Corporation voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the Alumni Corporation's Board of Directors to purchase the Delta Zeta sorority house located at 710 West Ohio Street, Urbana, Illinois, to serve as the permanent Zeta Delta Lodge.

The resolution, offered by Jim Hastings, ZΔ '74 and seconded by Neil Finlen, ZΔ '76, authorizes the Board of Directors of the Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi to execute all documents and take all steps necessary to secure the purchase of the Delta Zeta sorority house located at 710 West Ohio Street in Urbana. This vote represents the culmination of what the alumni envisioned 25 years ago. More than \$500,000 of the \$1.65M purchase price will come from the fund being held and managed by the Chi Psi

Matthew Hess, ZΔ '00, leads a discussion regarding the purchase of the Delta Zeta sorority house at the Special Meeting on March 30, 2019.

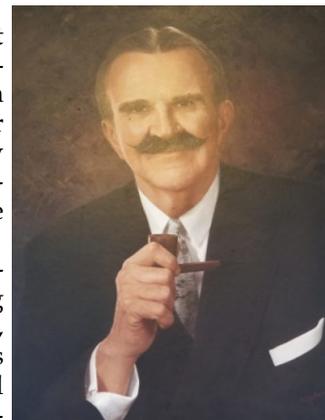


Educational Trust, the origin of which is the sale of the old Lodge.

Over the years, the interest earned on those proceeds has funded educational programs for Zeta Delta Brothers, rent payments for educational space in temporary Lodges and scholarships for Brothers, including the Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship.

The Buell Scholarship in particular has played a key role in keeping Zeta Delta alive. The scholarship, offered to incoming freshmen, has been an invaluable recruitment tool for many years, and the membership of several key Brothers - including Eric Prester, ZΔ '00, Matthew Hess, ZΔ '00, Glen Scott, ZΔ '01, Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, Neal Rushforth, ZΔ '03 and the late T.J. Nensel, ZΔ '03, can be traced directly to the Buell Scholarship program. Had it not been for the wise decision of the Alumni leadership to direct the proceeds from the sale of the old Lodge with the Zeta Delta Educational Foundation in 1994, these key Brothers would never have joined Chi Psi.

The vote taken on March 30 ensures that Zeta Delta will have a permanent Lodge as it begins its second century on the University of Illinois campus. As has been previously stated, however, the goal of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign was not just to purchase a new Lodge - it was to Restore Excellence. Securing a permanent Lodge is only a first step. There is much work yet to come, but the March 30 vote was a momentous occasion in the history of our Alpha, and it should be marked appropriately. All Zeta Delta alumni should take pride in the role that they have had in helping it to reach this point.



Temple Hoyne "Sandy" Buell, ZΔ 1916, the only ZΔ Brother to serve as #7.

## Lodge Campaign

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ultimate goal. The ultimate goal is to restore Zeta Delta to its rightful place among the finest fraternities on the University of Illinois campus and among the top fraternities in Chi Psi. It is to Restore Excellence. Without a permanent Lodge, that is an impossible task.

Every Brother who has passed through Zeta Delta's doors over these past 25 years has done a remarkable job keeping the Alpha alive. Recruitment is difficult when you are unable to tell potential new members where the fraternity will be located the following year, and running a fraternity is nearly im-

### Top Donors

W. David Romoser, ZΔ '65	\$50,000
Robert Preble, Jr., X '44	\$50,000
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William Thompson, ZΔ '52	\$10,000
John Rodenburg, ZΔ '71	\$10,000
Jim Hastings, ZΔ '74	\$10,000
John Musnicki, ZΔ '87	\$10,000
Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97	\$10,000

possible when the possibility of losing the Lodge and having to move is always hanging over the Alpha's head.

Securing a permanent Lodge is the first step to Restoring Excellence., but it's not the most important one. You have all been a part of writing Zeta Delta's history and getting us to this point. I hope reading this news gives you as much pride as it gives me as I write this, and I hope it inspires you to get back involved with Chi Psi.

A fraternity is only as strong as its alumni, and we sincerely hope that this good news rekindles some fond memories, inspires you to reconnect with your Brothers and compels you to make the trip to Urbana to see the new Lodge and meet the undergraduates. Only then, when we have succeeded in motivating our alumni to reconnect with the Lodge, will we have truly succeeded in Restoring Excellence at Alpha Zeta Delta.

# Tobin

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this experience and knowledge to benefit Alpha Zeta Delta.

During the 2018 calendar year I served my largest role in my Alpha by serving as #1. During my time as #1, our Alpha achieved great success in all aspects from academics to philanthropy to social life. One of my top priorities as #1 was to be a resource for all position holders to help them achieve as much success as possible during their term. I believe this experience sets me up very well for my time at Alpha Zeta Delta as I hope to be a resource for all undergraduate members. Another priority during my time was to expand our reach on campus through philanthropy events and providing a safe environment for all guests that came through our Lodge. Our Alpha raised over \$60,000 for various philanthropic organizations during my term, and we did not have a single referral to our IFC or CSO for violations during my term. On top of all of this, I was given the large task of leading the organization of the Chi Psi National Convention during the Summer of 2018. This task was well worth it as Convention was a huge success and an incredible week for all that attended. It all was capped with Alpha Iota taking home the Thayer Trophy for the Alpha with the most outstanding performance during the over the year. This was one of my proudest accomplishments that served as validation for everything I had done at Alpha Iota. That summer I also oversaw hundreds of thousands of dollars in renovations that were done at Alpha Iota.

I am currently serving as a Pledge Educator for Alpha Iota which has gotten off to a great start with a Pledge Class of 13. We have been successful in walking them through the first few chapters of the Chi Psi Story and teach-

ing them songs such as Chi Psi's Ever, Doxology, and Maid of Chi Psi. We have also hosted multiple events such Pledge Class Dinners, Resume Workshops, study rooms, and basketball games with the Pledge Class to continue the bonding process. Alpha Iota takes great pride in our anti-hazing pledging process that I would love to share with the Brothers of Alpha Zeta Delta.

that the new expectation for anyone else that took the position after me. I was always focused on making sure Alpha Iota continuously improved every semester while I was in school, and I hope to help instill a similar culture at Alpha Zeta Delta. For a full calendar year, I lead all day-to-day operations of Alpha Iota and ran into many roadblocks and challenges that I was able to work



Pictured from left to right with the Thayer Trophy at the 177th Annual Convention, which was hosted by Alpha Iota at the University of Wisconsin in Madison: Benjamin Ayd, I '20; Michael Tobin, I '19; Thomas Hersman, I '19; Noah Wood, I '21; and Jacob Fellman, I '20.

At Alpha Iota, I believe I was successful in being a major player in establishing a culture of initiative. As President, I gave position holders the freedom and resources to go above and beyond which was seen in our Social, Brotherhood, and Philanthropy Chairs executing more successful events that we have ever had. Through my work in various other positions, I also made sure to lead by example by also striving to go above the expectations to obviously create the most successful term I could but also to make

through alongside my exec board. I hope to bring this experience to help Alpha Zeta Delta through any challenges they may face. I can not wait to move into the Lodge meet all the active Brothers of Alpha Zeta Delta and many of Alumni Brothers as well. More importantly, I can't wait to contribute to the success at Alpha Zeta Delta.

YITB,

Michael Tobin, I '19

## Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation Board of Directors

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## Founders' Day Banquet

*Saturday, May 18, 2019*

*6:00 p.m.*

St. Andrews Golf & Country Club

2241 Route 59

West Chicago, Illinois 60185

**Price: \$100 Per Person**

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## Event Schedule

- Apr. 26-27, 2019 Initiation  
*Banquet to Follow*
- May 18, 2019 Founders' Day Banquet  
St. Andrews Golf & Country Club  
West Chicago, IL
- Jul. 13, 2019 Chi Psi at the Park  
*Million Preview Day*  
Arlington Park
- Jul. 24 - 29, 2019 Chi Psi's 178th Annual Convention  
Alpha Rho  
Rutgers University
- Aug. 25, 2019 Buell Scholarship Banquet  
ZΔ Lodge
- Sep. 21, 2019 Alumni Weekend  
*Illini vs. Nebraska*
- Oct. 19, 2019 Homecoming  
*Illini vs. Wisconsin*