



THE PARTHENON

Official Newsletter for Alumni of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi

August, 2019

Lodge Purchase Complete

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Dedication to be Held on August 24 at 5:25 p.m.

After spending 25 years without a Lodge of its own, Alpha Zeta Delta finally has a permanent home.

On May 31, 2019, the Alumni Corporation completed a transaction to purchase the building located at 710 West Ohio Street in Urbana from the Delta Zeta Sorority. This deal comes 25 years after the Corporation was forced to sell its original, permanent Lodge at 912 South Second Street in 1994.

When the South Second Lodge was sold for \$727,000, most of the proceeds from the purchase - \$654,000 - were donated to the Alpha Zeta Delta Educational Foundation in order to avoid a substantial capital gains tax. The management of that fund was eventually transferred to the Chi Psi Educational Trust to be held for the benefit of Zeta Delta, and over the years it has served as the lifeblood of Zeta Delta - funding scholarship programs (including the important Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship for incoming freshmen), educational equipment purchases, and rent for educational rooms at the various temporary Lodges in which Zeta Delta resided.

Even after funding so many important aspects of Zeta Delta's operations over the years, the fund still hovered around \$550,000 at the time of the

purchase. In an effort to maximize the amount of that fund that could go toward purchasing a new Lodge - as was the Alumni Corporation's plan when the South Second Lodge was sold - the Corporation retained the services of a law firm in Cincinnati that specializes in non

space. Therefore, 30% of the acquisition cost of the new Lodge - about \$500,000 of the \$1.65M purchase price - was able to come from the Educational Trust.

Additionally, a significant amount of money was raised from our very generous and dedicated alumni to further support the purchase and other costs attendant to the purchase of a new building. Thanks to the generous gifts of our alumni, we were able to make an \$800,000 down payment on the Lodge, leaving approximately \$850,000 to be financed through a mortgage with First Financial Bank in Champaign.

On behalf of the entire Alumni Corporation - and on behalf of every past, present and future member of Alpha Zeta Delta - I want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to Phase 1 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign. Without your dedication and support, Zeta Delta would continue to be a nomadic fraternity to this day, and well into the future.

Our job is not complete, however. The purpose of the capital campaign was not just to buy a Lodge but to Restore Excellence at Zeta Delta. To do that, we continue to need your help and support. We need alumni to come visit the Lodge and get to know and mentor the undergrad-

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Brothers show off the new Lodge following the closing on May 31, 2019. From left: John Murphy, ZΔ '20, Kyle Fouts, ZΔ '19, Mathew Murphy, ZΔ '90, Todd Fouts, ZΔ '89, Matt Hess, ZΔ '00, Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, Randy Mason, ZΔ '96 and Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97.

-profit issues pertaining to fraternities.

With a legal team on board to help guide us, we were able to develop a plan whereby we would designate certain rooms in the new Lodge to be educational rooms. According to that plan, about 30% of the livable square footage of the Lodge is dedicated educational

Remarks from the #1 - Daniel K. Abel, ZΔ '20



The end of the Spring 2019 semester has been historic for Alpha Zeta Delta. After the closing date of May 31, the purchase of a permanent new Lodge at 710 West Ohio Street became official and the brothers were overjoyed. As of now the brothers have officially moved out from the previous Lodge at 606 West Ohio Street, eager to begin the Fall semester with new leadership and a new agenda.

The Alpha experienced a very successful year in recruitment with 10 new initiates joining in the Fall semester and 7 new initiates joining in the Spring. This was possible thanks to the efforts of the Fall Recruitment Chairs Mikal Middleton, ZΔ

'20 and Patrick Killigrew, ZΔ '19, as well as the Spring Recruitment Chair John Murphy, ZΔ '20 and his Assistant Recruitment Chair, Ryan Litt ZΔ '21. The Alpha now boasts an impressive membership of 34 brothers as a result of the hard work of these individuals.

The recruitment process for the Fall 2019 semester has already begun in order to continue this momentum. Zeta Delta is currently in the process of narrowing down candidates for the Temple Hoyne Buell Scholarship and has interviewed 15 semi-finalists that have high academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. A banquet to celebrate the new Lodge and the Buell Scholarship finalists will be on August 24th, where we will thank the efforts of the alumni in acquiring the new Lodge and celebrate.

Despite encountering some difficulties throughout the 2018-2019 year in scholarship and new member education, the leadership of Zeta Delta has agreed to address these problems and set down a new set of rules and guidelines in keeping with the values of Chi Psi. New Alpha policy includes: rigorous and detailed transition plans, tracking philanthropy hours with incentives, strict oversight of the scholarship performance of brothers, keeping meticulous track of finances, use of a Judicial Board to resolve disputes between brothers and improve ac-

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Manuel Hernandez-Estrada Jr., ZΔ '21 and Daniel Abel, ZΔ '20, #1, rafting the Chattooga River.



James Bridgewater, ZΔ '95, Arjun Thakkar ZΔ '21, Manuel Hernandez-Estrada Jr., ZΔ '21, Arjun Thakkar ZΔ '21 and Daniel Abel, ZΔ '20, #1, represented Zeta Delta at Chi Psi's 178th Annual Convention.

New Lodge

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uates, We need alumni to volunteer for alumni board and committee positions; to put on programs for the betterment of our members; to host social events in and around your communities with Brothers from your era; and to attend, and encourage others to attend, official alumni events such as Founders' Day and Homecoming.

A fraternity is judged by the strength of its alumni. I know our alumni are strong, kind, generous Chi Psi Gentlemen. Our undergraduates should be able to see that.

Finally, we need all alumni to continue to show their generosity during Phase 2 of the capital campaign. Our goals for Phase 2 are

Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Please Join Us to Celebrate the Beginning of a New Chapter in Alpha Zeta Delta's History as We Continue Our Pursuit to Restore Excellence

Date: August 24, 2019
Time: 5:25 p.m.
Place: Zeta Delta Lodge
 710 West Ohio Street
 Urbana, Illinois 61801

*Please R.S.V.P. to Paul Parks, ZA '03, at
 peparks2@yahoo.com*

twofold: (1) pay down as much of the mortgage as possible before our 5-year balloon payment comes due; and (2) replenish Zeta Delta's fund with the Educational Trust to provide money for scholarships and operating costs of educational space. We are all very excited to begin this new chapter in Zeta Delta's history. To mark the occasion appropriately, we will be hosting an official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Dedication of the New Lodge on August 24 at 5:25 p.m. All alumni Brothers are encouraged to attend.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped make this achievement possible. Zeta Delta is poised to take some big steps forward in the next year or two, and we are optimistic that before too long, she will once again be looked upon as one of the top fraternities on the University of Illinois campus and one of the top Alphas in Chi Psi.

New Alumni Board to be Elected at Homecoming

Volunteers Sought, Dues Requested as Hess Prepares to Step Aside



By Matthew R. Hess,
ZΔ '00

What an amazing two years this has been. When I took over as President of the Alumni Corpora-

tion, we had just finished moving Zeta Delta into yet another temporary Lodge – this one a dilapidated, run-down building on the wrong side of campus, after being forced to abandon the Lodge we called home for the prior 15 years.

The Alpha was comprised of quality young men, but after seeing their dreams of establishing 110 East Armory as Zeta Delta's permanent address dashed, optimism for the future was lacking.

What our Alpha needed most became immediately clear to me. Not a new address, but a direction. It needed guidance. Enthusiasm. A connection to the past, and a vision for the future.

During my first year as president, I went out of my way to avoid talk of us buying a permanent Lodge. Such conversation had preoccupied those of us who graduated in the late 1990's and early 2000's for almost 20 years, but before we could talk seriously about searching for a permanent Lodge, a foundation needed to be laid.

More alumni needed to be recruited. More time needed to be spent getting to know the undergraduates. And more organization needed to be implemented within the Alumni Corporation.

We accomplished a great deal during the first year of my tenure as president, and none of it would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of

three young alumni – Cameron Wall, ZΔ '11; Chris Silchuck, ZΔ '13; and Paden Thomas, ZΔ '14. Brother Wall, who has served as the alumni board's vice-president for several years now, was instrumental in rekindling a relationship with our undergraduate brothers and organizing events such as the bi-annual Alumni Weekends and annual Founders' Day Banquets. He has been a mainstay at board meetings and has served an important role in keeping the board, and myself, focused on the tasks at hand.

Brother Silchuck has also been a mainstay, having served as the Corporation's treasurer for an equally long period of time. Balancing a burgeoning career with the responsibilities of overseeing the Corporation's finances is an enormous task, but Brother Silchuck has gone above and beyond to ensure that our bills got paid and tax returns filed.

Brother Thomas, who was the #1 when Zeta Delta hosted the 171st Annual Convention in 2012, rose to the challenge of chairing the alumni board's property management committee. Although the importance of that committee is about to expand exponentially, having Brother Thomas take ownership of the committee and form a relationship with the undergraduate Lodge Managers was an important step toward cultivating the type of working relationship that must exist between the Alpha and the Alumni Board.

To all three of these Brothers, a heartfelt "thank you."

Once we were able to stabilize certain aspects of our operations, our attention turned to the ever-present question of when the Alumni Corporation would be finally be able to fulfill its commitment to utilize the funds from the sale of 912 South Second Street to purchase a new,

permanent Lodge.

Although no options appeared immediately available, the Board knew that the first step would necessarily be raising money through a capital campaign. We suspected that a deal could be reached to purchase the temporary Lodge at 606 West Ohio, so a campaign committee was formed and work begun. Led by Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, Dave Romoser, ZΔ '65 and Mathew Murphy, ZΔ '90, the committee met several times and began taking the steps that would be necessary to pull off a successful campaign.

Then in September, 2018, the opportunity to purchase the Delta Zeta house presented itself. Relying on the guidance of brothers like Brother Romoser, Jim Hastings, ZΔ '74, and Tom Humphris, ZΔ '53, the Board made the decision to aggressively pursue purchasing the Lodge. In five (5) short months, we were able to raise the money necessary to make a sufficient down payment to and finalize the purchase the new Lodge at 710 West Ohio Street.

Again, none of this would have been possible without the help of the aforementioned brothers, as well as the other members of the Board: Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97, Jim Bridgewater, ZΔ '95, Alex Sagil, ZΔ '06, Neal Rushforth, ZΔ '03, and our past-president, Randy Mason, ZΔ '96. All of these Brothers have shown that they are dedicated to Chi Psi and to seeing Alpha Zeta Delta rise to prominence on the University of Illinois campus and in the Chi Psi community.

Because we have so many Brothers dedicated to seeing our shared vision for Zeta Delta realized, I have decided to step down as president at the conclusion of this year's annual meeting at Homecoming. I am doing so confident that the

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Alumni Corporation Board of Directors

Matthew Hess, ZΔ '00
President

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Trustee

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Trustee

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Trustee

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Trustee

Daniel K. Abel, ZΔ '20, #1
Trustee

Quinn Dellinger, ZΔ '21, #4
Trustee

In the Spotlight:

Neal D. Rushforth, M.D., ZΔ '03

When Neal Rushforth first stepped foot in the Lodge at 311 East Armory in the Fall of 1999 to attend the Buell Scholarship Banquet as a freshman, little did he know that he had applied for far much more than just a scholarship.

Rushforth, whom a number of brothers had known from their hometown of Zion, Illinois, was a high-priority target of the rush committee from day 1, but the Lodge was competing with Delta Upsilon Fraternity which also gave him a bid. At this point, Zeta Delta had rarely competed with other fraternities for recruits, and when it did the recruit did not often choose the Lodge. Rushforth was different.

"I was a Buell scholarship winner and had pre-existing relationships with a number of active brothers," Rushforth said. "I enjoyed the comradery with the other Buell winners and Brothers which led me to pledge."

The other two Buell Scholarship winners were Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, and the late T.J. Nensel, ZΔ '03. The three made up a strong 8-member pledge class in the Fall of 1999 that signified a turning point in Zeta Delta's history and laid the foundation for the Alpha to win the Founders' Trophy at the 159th Annual Convention in August 2000.



Neal pictured with Glen Scott, ZΔ '01 at the Lodge, but not the Zeta Delta Lodge. This one is in Chicago.

It wasn't just good recruiting numbers that earned Zeta Delta the Founders' Trophy that year, however. The 1999-2000 school year marked the time when the Lodge began operating like other successful fraternities, holding exchanges, serenading sororities, conducting philanthropy events and excelling in

academics. It also was worked hard to maintain relationships with other Alphas in Chi Psi.

"During my tenure in the Lodge we would go on 'Walkout' once or twice a year. I believe I was fortunate enough to travel to Alpha Epsilon (Michigan) twice, Alpha Iota (Wisconsin) twice, Alpha Nu (Minnesota) and Alpha Tau Delta (University of the South)," Rushforth recalled. "It was always enjoyable to meet the Brothers from these Alphas and they always proved to be the consummate hosts."

Rushforth recalled one particular walkout: "My first visit to Alpha Epsilon was particularly memorable as the un-ranked Illini defeated the Tom Brady led, #9 Wolverines after a 4th quarter comeback [overcoming a 22-point 4th quarter deficit]. That game still gets occasional replays on ESPN. If you look closely the Lodgers even get some airtime following the go-ahead TD!" Punter Steve Weatherford chose our end zone to leap into in order to celebrate, a moment that was also captured and featured prominently on the front page of the Sports section in the next day's Chicago Tribune.

Chi Psi also provided Rushforth with other bonding experiences. "One Spring Break I was fortunate enough to travel to Europe with Brothers Glen Scott, ZΔ '01, Blake Hafenrichter, ZΔ '02 and Parks. Despite having little to no itinerary we managed to experience most of the historic landmarks of Germany, France and the Netherlands. The details of the trip made it back in a journal which has hopefully since been burned, but it truly was the trip of a lifetime. Most importantly, I learned never to accept a glass of "juice" from any of Brother Hafenrichter's relatives immediately upon awakening. Apparently "juice" translates to "vodka" in Germany!"

Rushforth majored in biology as an undergraduate and remained in Champaign for a few years as a graduate student and taught at Parkland Community College. He subsequently attended medical school at Southern Illinois University and completed an Emergency Medicine Residency program in Chicago. He currently resides in Bloomington, Illinois and works at a number of local hospitals, including as Medical Director of the Emergency Department at the

OSF St. James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, Illinois.

The thing he enjoys most about his



Neal Rushforth, M.D., ZΔ '03 and his wife of ten years, Audra, whom Neal met during his time living in the Lodge.

career is the challenge. "Every patient presents a unique and complex puzzle. Solving the puzzle often requires navigating language and cultural barriers and instantly establishing a rapport with a patient you just met. Depending on where you are working and the time of day you may or may not have your full complement of resources adding to the challenge.

"Emergency Medicine is a 24/7/365 endeavor that observes no holidays and takes no breaks. We are frequently the only available medical care for a wide swathe of humanity and truly represent the safety net of the medical system. The schedule takes a toll on your family life and unfortunately, you're often privy to some of the worst of humanity. Despite that, the ability to care for others is the greatest privilege I have ever been provided."

When asked about career highlights, Rushforth didn't hesitate. "I'm most proud of lives saved and patients cared for during my career. The routines of life have even allowed me to care for a fellow Brother a time of two over the years. The past few years I have transitioned to a more administrative role. In this ca-

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Phase 2 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign Kicks Off Immediately

By: Paul J. Parks, ZΔ '03

Congratulations gentlemen, Having raised a total of \$520,951, I am proud to announce that Phase I was nothing short of a complete success! Thank you!

Some days it's hard to fathom that in a matter of just a few months we were able to come together as a brotherhood and raise the funds necessary to secure a mortgage for the purchase of our very own Lodge. The icing on the cake is we were finally able to find a way to use the funds from the sale of the original Lodge. That being said, we still have a hefty amount of work ahead of us.

The Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta and members of the Capital Campaign Committee wish to formally announce the beginning of Phase 2 of Restoring Excellence: The Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign. It needs to be stressed time and again that the purpose of the Capital Campaign is multi-faceted; the ultimate goal is not only to generate the funding to purchase and maintain a permanent home for Zeta Delta, but to also restore the excellence that once filled the halls of our beloved Alpha.

I believe it is necessary that we take a brief moment to celebrate our accomplishments to this point, but the easy part is done. We bought a building (well, half a building, the bank owns the other half), now we need the resources to properly maintain and operate the new Lodge.

Phase 2 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign will be conducted utilizing a two-pronged approach: donations may be made **either** to the Alumni Corporation **or** to Zeta Delta's fund managed by the Chi Psi Educational Trust.

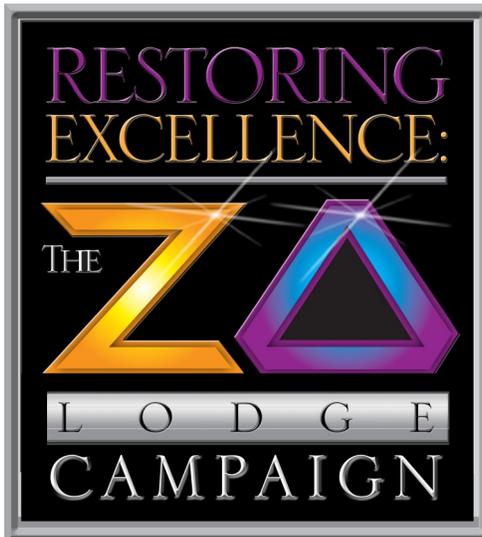
Option "A" - Donate to the Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation

Donations to the Alumni Corporation are again sought during Phase 2 of the Campaign. These donations, like all donations that were generated during Phase 1 of the Campaign, are not tax-deductible but are important nonetheless. These donations will be used to pay down the mortgage and to support the Alumni Corporation's operations.

When we completed the Lodge pur-

chase, an \$850,000 mortgage was taken out from First Financial Bank in Champaign. We have a 20-year amortization period with a five-year balloon payment due. It is our hope to pay down as much of that mortgage as possible in the next five years so that when we approach the bank to refinance, our principal and interest payments will be significantly reduced, which will allow us to lower the rent being charged to the undergraduates significantly, which will aid the Alpha in recruiting new members.

Furthermore, although the new Lodge is in pristine condition, a new roof will likely be needed in 10-15 years.



It is imperative that we pay down our mortgage sooner rather than later before we have to tackle a significant capital project.

Until we build a solid financial base from a consistent flow of rental income from the undergraduates, the Corporation has no other means of income by which to operate. In the 20 years that I have been a proud member of Zeta Delta, the Corporation has been forced to struggle year after year due to lack of financial support. I trust that for all of those who have hesitated to give to the Campaign to this point, you have seen that we have a core group of alums, young and old, that have already accomplished what was seen as not only improbable but impossible. Help us to not only continue to amaze all of you by applying all of the lessons learned from the past and recreate Zeta Delta's dominance on campus, but also foster a brotherhood for future generations that

can benefit from all that Chi Psi has to offer as we have.

Option "B" - Donate to the Chi Psi Educational Trust

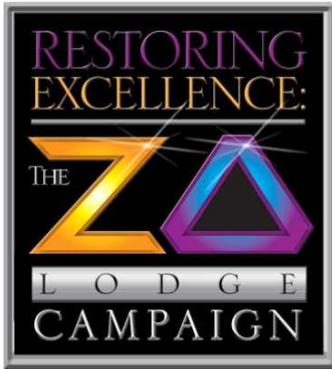
In Phase 2 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign, we are also soliciting donations to our fund that is managed by the Educational Trust, and we are pleased to announce that these donations **are tax-deductible**.

In order to complete the purchase of the Lodge, we were forced to deplete our educational fund almost entirely. Therefore, a primary goal of Phase 2 will be to replenish the fund so that we can keep up with our robust scholarship program - including the Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship that helped the Lodge recruit a long line of impactful brothers, including several former #1's, including: Eric Prester, ZΔ '00; Glen Scott, ZΔ '01; Neal Rushforth, M.D., ZΔ '03; Paul Parks, ZΔ '03; the late T.J. Nensel, ZΔ '03; Justin Tarnoff, ZΔ '06; and Scott Starzynski, ZΔ '08.

Funds from the Educational Trust will also be used to fund the purchase of new computers, computer equipment, desks, chairs, and other items that are used in educational spaces, and it may reimburse the Corporation for the proportional cost of operating the educational areas of the Lodge. With just about 30% of the Lodge being designated as purely educational space, being able to rely upon the Educational Trust to supplement our income by covering up to 30% of the operating expenses will help Zeta Delta separate itself from other organizations if we continue to have a thriving Educational Trust.

There is one caveat we must all keep in mind, however. Unlike the manner in which we utilized the Educational Trust to help fund the Lodge purchase, we will not be able to pay for any of the above items - scholarships, equipment, operating expenses - from the principal of the Trust. In order to ensure that our educational funds remain for generations of Zeta Delta brothers to come, we will need to rely only on the **income** generated by our fund with the Trust. Historically, the fund has earned about 4% in interest per year. That means in order to fund one (1) \$1,000 annual

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Restoring Excellence: The Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign

Pledge Form - Phase 2

Option A – Donation to Alumni Corporation to Pay Down Mortgage (Gifts are not Tax-Deductible)

I hereby pledge that I will make a gift of \$_____ to the Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi during Phase 2 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign. I understand that my gift will go toward paying down the mortgage on the new Lodge located at 710 West Ohio Street, Urbana, Illinois, or toward other operating expenses that the Board of Directors deems necessary for the upkeep and maintenance of the new Lodge.

I acknowledge that my donation is not tax-deductible.

Check enclosed (Please make payable to The Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi and send your payment to Chris Riehs, ZA '90, 3520 Timber Creek Lane, Naperville, IL 60565)

I would like to make recurring payments of \$_____ on the _____ day of every _____ (month or year) for the next _____ (months) (years) for up to five (5) years.

I will make my donation online or set up my recurring payments at www.AZDChiPsi.org/Campaign

Option B – Donation to the Zeta Delta Fund of the Chi Psi Educational Trust (Gifts are Tax-Deductible)

Additionally (or alternatively), I hereby pledge that I will make a gift of \$_____ to the Chi Psi Educational Trust during Phase 2 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign. I understand that my gift will be used to fund scholarships, educational programs, materials or items, and other activities conducted or funded by the Chi Psi Educational Trust, a 501(c)(3) organization, for the benefit of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi.

Check enclosed (Please make payable to The Chi Psi Educational Trust, write "Zeta Delta" in the memo, and send your payment to Chris Riehs, ZA '90, 3520 Timber Creek Lane, Naperville, IL 60565)

I would like to make recurring payments of \$_____ on the _____ day of every _____ (month or year) for the next _____ (months) (years) for up to five (5) years.

Signature

Alpha/Year

I wish to remain
anonymous

Address: _____ Email: _____

Rushforth

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capacity I have had the great joy of transforming a number of struggling Emergency Departments into operationally and clinically excellent Departments."

Rushforth looks back fondly at his time in the Lodge and the lessons he learned as an undergraduate. "Chi Psi has taught me to enjoy the moment. My days in the Lodge were filled with fun and laughter. Unfortunately, they were also marred with tragedy. The experience has taught me to embrace the joys of life no matter how small. I suspect I



Doug Chuick, ZΔ '05, Paul Parks, ZΔ '03, Neal and Bill Novak, ZΔ '03, at a Thanksgiving party at the home of Blake Hafenrichter in 2005.

am a better man and happier person because of this.

What advice would he offer to today's undergraduate brothers? "Get involved and invest in the relationships you make throughout your college years. Life gets busy in a hurry once you're done. I continue to be thankful

for the friendships made during my time in Urbana-Champaign."

Rushforth and his wife Audra live in Bloomington with their three children: Brooks (5), Quinn (3) and Blake (6 mos.) His hobbies include cycling and classic cars.

Rushforth has been a mainstay at Lodge events since he graduated, serving at times on the Alumni Corporation's Board of Directors and at other times by serving in informal roles. Most recently, he served on the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign committee, helping the alumni raise the money that was necessary to purchase the new Lodge. He also made a significant contribution and purchased all of the furniture necessary to outfit the new living room, which will heretofore be known as the "Neal D. Rushforth, M.D. Living Room." He also serves on the Corporation's Property Committee.

With the Lodge purchase now complete, Rushforth sees consistency as being the Alpha's next challenge to overcome. "Both the Alpha and Alumni Corporation have struggled with [consistency] over the years as pressing housing needs have trumped some of the more routine communications and events. With a permanent Lodge in hand I'd love to hear regular updates and hopefully see a resurgence of interest in some of our traditionally strong events (Homecoming, Initiation, Founder's Day)."

That said, he definitely sees brighter days ahead. "Purchasing this Lodge is a game changer for Alpha Zeta Delta. I'm incredibly excited that Alpha Zeta Delta once again has a permanent home with which to renew our identity on campus."

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scholarship, a seed gift of \$25,000 to the Trust is necessary.

A New Challenge

In the Parthenon article where I announced the beginning of the Capital Campaign as the Fundraising Chairman, I set forth a challenge to the Brotherhood, and you rose to the occasion.

I now offer a new challenge: About 100 of the 800 alumni graciously provided Phase 1 donations that made the dream of once again having a permanent home for our Alpha possible. If you do the math, we are currently sit-

ting at about 12.5% participation. Imagine what the Lodge could be if we were able to convince 100% of our alumni to make a gift. Impossible? Isn't that what many said about owning a permanent Lodge again?

We need your help. If you did not already make a gift to the Campaign, please consider making one. We also need volunteers to serve as class leaders or regional chairman. Contact me if you are interested in helping! Talk to those who you keep in contact with, contact those whom you haven't spoken with in years; let's bring the entire Brotherhood together so we can thrive and not just survive. Keep pushing and continue to make the impossible, possible.

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!

Alumni to Vote on Revised By-Laws at Homecoming

Annual Meeting to Begin at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 19 Due to Early 11:00 a.m. Kickoff

In addition to electing a new Board of Directors at this year's annual Alumni Corporation meeting, alumni will also be asked to vote on approving a revised set of bylaws.

The proposed bylaws will be posted at www.AZDChiPsi.org and will streamline the way in which the Alumni Corporation and Board will operate in the 21st century. One of the proposed changes will be to do away with the need to send formal notices by mail, providing instead for electronic notification to alumni by email.

For that reason, the Corporation implores all alumni to keep your email addresses current with the Board. This can easily be done by updating your contact information at www.AZDChiPsi.org. Additionally, we encourage all alumni to join the official "Chi Psi Alumni AZD" Facebook group and follow us on Twitter @AZDALumni to stay up-to-date.

Another addition to be made will be to formalize the addition of all undergraduate members of the Alpha as members of the Corporation. In order to qualify as a 501(c)(7) organization with the IRS, all undergraduate members must also be members of the Corporation. While undergraduates have not traditionally been able to vote at full meetings of the Corporation, the Board believes that undergraduate trustees should be entitled vote.

Finally, the new by-laws will move the date of our annual meeting from Homecoming in October to the Alumni Reunion Weekend that will be held every September going forward. Rather than asking alumni to fight traffic, overpay for hotel rooms and split time between Chi Psi and U. of I. activities, hosting a Chi Psi-centric event earlier in the year will be provide alumni with a better opportunity to come see the Lodge and bond with the undergrads.

Because the football game will kick off at 11:00 a.m. this year, our annual meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19. Keep an eye on www.AZDChiPsi.org for more details and to read the proposed bylaws.

The Sports Page

It's Bowl Game or Bust in Lovie's Fourth Year

First Homecoming in New Lodge to Feature Battle with Wisconsin

The Illini were expected to take a big step forward in Lovie Smith's third year as head coach, but instability at the quarterback position coupled with a soft defense led to another disappointing season.

Beneath its 4-8 record, there were improvements however, and at times the Illini looked like a legitimate Big 10 football team. Now in Smith's fourth year – and the second year under offensive coordinator Rod Smith – it's bowl game or bust.



Transfer QB Brandon Peters is likely to start on opening day and has a chance to be a stabilizing force on offense.

It all starts at QB, and we should have clarity at that position before Big 10 play begins. Although redshirt freshman Matt Robinson has a chance to win the job, Brandon Peters, a graduate transfer from Michigan, will likely get the initial call. Peters, a 6-4 pocket passer with a strong arm, has been compared to Wes Lunt and will be given every opportunity to lead this team for the entire season.

Eventually, this is going to be Isaiah Williams' team. Williams, not to be confused with "Juice," is a five-star recruit out of St. Louis who had offers from several top programs to play

wide receiver. He chose Illinois for the opportunity to play quarterback. And the fact that M.J. Rivers chose to enter the transfer protocol last month may be an indication that Williams will be under center sooner rather than later.

Williams is the exact type of dual-threat weapon that Rod Smith wants in his quarterback, but he is not the only weapon. Running back Reggie Corbin returns to lead a backfield that will



Lovie Smith faces added pressure in his fourth year as he assumes defensive coordinator duties after Hardy Nickerson's departure.

also feature juniors Mike Epstein and Ra'Von Bonner. There is also depth at the receiver position with the additions of graduate transfers Trevon Sidney and Josh Imatorbhebhe from USC to join junior Ricky Smalling and senior Trenard Davis on the outside.

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Dues Request

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we have a deep bench of alumni who will do everything in their power to restore Zeta Delta's legacy of excellence.

Now that Zeta Delta is beginning a new chapter in its new Lodge, a new voice is needed to push the undergraduates to new heights. We must be vigilant to avoid the onset of complacency after achieving what has eluded us for so long. To do that, a new leader is required.

I will not be leaving the Alumni Corporation. I will remain a member of the board and will serve as Chairman of its Scholarship Committee, and I will always be available to offer guidance when called upon. But to restore a culture of excellence within the Alpha, a

new leader must be chosen.

If you would like to nominate yourself, or someone else, to serve as an officer or trustee on the Alumni Board, please send your nomination to Brother Wall at cjwall147@gmail.com.

Additionally, alumni volunteers are needed to assist the Alpha in the areas of recruitment, property management, career guidance and alumni events. Please let Brother Wall know if you are interested in serving on one of the Board's committees.

Being able to lead the Alumni Corporation these last two years has been a great honor - the highlight of my 22 years in Chi Psi. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving the Alpha that we all love.

Finally, I must conclude by thanking every one of you who paid your alumni dues over the past two years. The Alumni Corporation is a dues-funded organi-

zation, and we could not operate without your generous dues and donations.

For that reason, I also must ask, as one of my final duties as president, for you to renew your commitment to Alpha Zeta Delta by paying your dues for the 2019-2020 year by going online to www.AZDChiPsi.org or by sending in the form at the back of this newsletter to Brother Silchuck.

I know many of you already made a generous contribution to Phase 1 of the Zeta Delta Lodge Campaign, and I cannot thank you enough for your donation. However, the money raised during our annual dues campaign are separate and apart from capital campaign contributions, and the Alumni Corporation cannot operate with support from its dues paying members.

Thank you in advance for continuing to meet your fraternal obligations and supporting Alpha Zeta Delta.

Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship Program Re-Launched

Scholarship Luncheon to be Held on Aug. 24

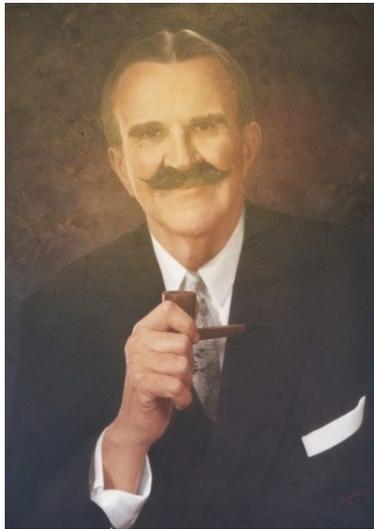
When the old Lodge was sold in 1994, the Alumni Corporation donated most of the proceeds from the sale to Alpha Zeta Delta's Educational Foundation. The decision was primarily made to avoid a massive capital gains tax, but one significant bene-

fit that came from that decision was that the Foundation was able to establish a number of scholarship programs that supported Zeta Delta for the next 25 years.

The most important of these scholarships was the Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship, named after the only Zeta Delta Brother ever to serve Chi Psi as #7, was awarded to incoming freshmen who best exemplify the values of Chi Psi.

This year, we have fifteen well-qualified finalists for the Buell Scholarship and will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships at the inaugural Zeta Delta Scholarship Luncheon on the afternoon of August 24, preceding the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.

If you know of anyone planning to attend the University of Illinois next year, please let the know about the scholarship. Details can be found at www.AZDChiPsi.org/Buell.



Temple Hoyne Buell, ZΔ 1916

Illini

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Four out of five starters on the offensive line will return, and with the addition of Alabama transfer Richie Petitbon taking over at RG, offensive line should be a strength of this Illini team.

Defensive coordinator Hardy Nickerson left the team in the middle of last year as the unit failed to make any progress. Lovie Smith will handle the DC duties himself this year, so if the unit fails to step up, there will be no one to blame but himself. This was a bad defense last year, and without improvement from returning players, it will be again.

Importantly, Smith did hire Keynodo Hudson to coach the secondary. Hudson coached at Florida Atlantic the past 2 years after working as an assistant at USC. His

hire laid the groundwork for Smith to be able to recruit not only Sidney from USC but also defensive end Oluwole Betiku, who will replace Bobby Roundtree on the D-line after Roundtree suffered a spinal cord injury while swimming in May.

Jake Hansen returns to play linebacker, and the entire secondary will return as

OCT. 19 HOMECOMING TICKETS AVAILABLE

A block of tickets has been purchased and they are \$50 each. Seats are located low on the 15 yard line and are available to the first 25 requests to

**Bill Swick at 630-878-5273 or
Jim Hastings at 815-275-8766**

If we get more than 25 requests, we will do our best to get more seats as close as possible to the block. If you are on campus Friday night, meet us at 6:00pm at the Lodge.

well. As was the case last year, the success of the Illini will depend on Smith's recruits improving as they age.

Smith's roster overhaul is complete, and all that remains is for them to produce on the field.

#1 Remarks

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countability, tightening the standards for active members and those who wish to be initiated into our fraternity, and more.

Thanks to the initiative of Manuel Hernandez-Estrada Jr., ZΔ '21, the Alpha has engaged in discussion regarding the improvement of our Alpha that we have collectively termed the "State of the Alpha". An annual presentation summarizing the activities of Zeta Delta hosted by the Alpha leadership followed by a round table discussion will aid us in recognizing and tackling systemic problems within the Alpha. Furthermore, the Alpha has decided to reinstate the position of Choregus and will look forward to reviving our reputation as a "singing fraternity" with the help of our new Choregus, Alejandro Partida ZΔ '22.

The Alpha additionally plans to ac-

tively engage more with our alumni and the Chi Psi Central Office. Brother Hernandez-Estrada Jr. and I recently attended the first Outdoor Leadership Program hosted by Central Office that involved rafting on the Chattooga River, discussing the benefits of outdoor retreats on mental health, and was attended by #1s and other leaders from several Alphas. This has inspired us to utilize more programs offered by Central Office as well as organize more career development and networking events with alumni down the road. Additionally, the role of #27 (Corresponding Secretary of the Senior Class) has been assigned to our Special Events/Alumni Relations Chair, Evan Fouts ZΔ '22, and will help to keep graduating seniors in touch with Alpha Zeta Delta in the future.

From July 24th - July 28th Manuel Hernandez-Estrada Jr. ZΔ '21, Arjun Thakkar ZΔ '21, and myself attended the 178th National Convention at Rutgers, hosted by Alpha Rho. Not only did we meet brothers of Chi Psi from across the

nation including California, Mississippi, Minnesota, South Carolina, and many other Alphas, we attended workshops that will help to refine and bolster the leadership of Alpha Zeta Delta. By communicating with other Alphas and the Central Office, as well as exchanging ideas, we have come away with methods to improve our recruitment strategy, scholarship performance, risk management procedure, and better the Alpha overall. We are excited to begin the school year with these lessons learned and policies in place that will help address problems that we may encounter as we expand our membership, and best prepare Zeta Delta for the future.

Thanks to the hard work and efforts of generous alumni, Zeta Delta has acquired a new permanent Lodge and the Alpha will take this opportunity to turn a new page in the history of Zeta Delta and establish a precedent in leadership, recruitment, finances, scholarship, and other aspects that will ensure the excellence of brothers years into the future.



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Or Pay Online at www.AZDChiPsi.org

Name: _____ Year: _____

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____
made payable to *The Corporation of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi*,
which includes \$55.00 for my 2019-2020 dues (\$45 for classes 2014
and later). *I understand that this donation is not tax-deductible.*

Please update my address to: _____

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Event Schedule

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| Aug. 24, 2019 | <u>Zeta Delta Scholarship Luncheon (12:00 p.m.)</u>
<u>Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (5:25 p.m.)</u>
ZΔ Lodge |
| Oct. 19, 2019 | <u>Homecoming</u>
<i>Illini vs. Wisconsin</i> |
| Dec. 6-7, 2019 | <u>Initiation</u> |
| Mar. 28, 2020 | <u>Alumni Weekend</u>
ZΔ Lodge |
| Apr. 25, 2020 | <u>Initiation</u> |
| May 16, 2020 | <u>Founders' Day Banquet</u>
Location TBA |
| Jul. 22-25, 2020 | <u>Chi Psi's 179th Annual Convention</u>
Alpha Psi Delta
Boulder, CO |

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