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Open Letter to Zeta Delta Alumni

The Time has Come for a New Generation of Leaders to Take the Reins and Lead our Alpha Zeta Delta into its Second Century on Campus



By: Matthew Hess, ZΔ '00

I know it has been some time since the last issue of the Parthenon landed in your inbox, and I want to take this opportunity to apologize for that. This past year has been tumultuous for me, both personally and professionally, and getting the newsletter out every few months is a significant time commitment that unfortunately took a back seat to running my law firm, my family, and my other Chi Psi responsibilities.

I do want to assure all of you that things are going very well down in Urbana, as you will read throughout this issue, and that important work is being done at the Alumni Corporation level to support the Alpha.

We initiated eleven new Brothers last semester, and Spring rush is already off to a fast start. Every bedroom in the new Lodge is full this year, and should be again next year.

The Lodge itself continues to serve as the perfect home for our Alpha. Neal Rushforth, M.D., ZΔ '03, in particular, has dedicated significant time and treasure to ensuring that the Lodge is furnished appropriately and maintained in great condition. We will be putting a

new roof on the Lodge this summer after a few leaks developed this past year, but that should be the last major expenditure needed for the foreseeable future.

So things are going well. And as I look back at the progress we have made as a Brotherhood since 2017, I could not be more proud. We have accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time. But one of the goals we set for ourselves when we launched the Restoring Excellence Capital Campaign continues to elude us, and that is generating excitement and attracting new Brothers to serve as alumni volunteers.

All successful Alphas in Chi Psi have one thing in common: a strong, informed, dedicated base of alumni to support the Alpha, provide stability, and maintain personal connections across generations. Becoming a Brother in Chi Psi is a lifetime commitment, and the Alphas who are able to sustain success are the ones with the most dedicated base of alumni volunteers.

I'll be blunt - we need your help. While I understand no one can dedicate themselves to the Lodge continuously throughout their adult life, everyone should be able to serve on the Board or on a committee for a couple years here and there, and everyone should be able to attend some social events or initiatives down at the Lodge. That's part of being a Chi Psi. But for about the past 25

years, the same group of 10-15 alumni have done nearly all of the work on the Alumni Board. This is simply not sustainable.

We need more of you to volunteer, and we need more of you to show up. One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Brother in Chi Psi is getting to know the new Brothers and mentoring them as they transition from high school into college, and then from college into their careers. I'm directing my comments primarily to our more recent alumni - those from the classes of 2010 and later. Our Alpha needs you.

I will be stepping down as president of the Alumni Corporation this Fall, and I'll be nominating Jeremy Doser, ZΔ '97, to take over as President. Brother Doser has served as Vice-President these past three years, and he will do an exceptional job. But soon it will be time for a new generation of Zeta Delta alumni to take over. Please reach out to me directly at mrhess78@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to discuss how you might be able to help.

Thank you all for the confidence you have shown in trusting me to be your president. It has been an honor and a privilege, and I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you all in the coming years.

YITB, Matthew R. Hess, ZΔ '00

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Phase II of the Restoring Excellence Capital Campaign to Kick Into High Gear

By: Matthew R. Hess, ZΔ '00 and
W. David Romoser, ZΔ '65

Just about four years ago, the Zeta Delta Alumni Corporation made a deal with the undergraduate leaders of Alpha Zeta Delta. The deal was this: if the undergraduates could guarantee that they would commit themselves to restoring a culture of excellence within Zeta Delta, that the Alumni would commit themselves to securing a permanent Lodge for the Alpha to call home for the next one hundred years.

On May 30, 2019, the Alumni fulfilled their promise, closing on the deal to purchase the Delta Zeta sorority house to serve as the next permanent Chi Psi Lodge on the University of Illinois campus.

Although there remains a significant mortgage outstanding and the job of the Alumni is far from finished, it appears that the undergraduates have similarly fulfilled their promise.

The Fall semester began with all 26 bedrooms of the Lodge occupied with undergraduate Brothers.

On top of filling up the new Lodge, we are pleased to report that the undergraduates are an outstanding group of gentlemen. At this past year's Annual Convention at Alpha Xi Delta (Texas Tech University), Zeta Delta was recognized as a finalist for the Goodbody Award for the third consecutive year. The Goodbody Award is given to the Alpha that exhibits the highest degree of academic excellence in a given year. You may recall that Zeta Delta brought home the award last year, and we are extremely proud that the undergraduates were again named a finalist for the award this year.

Our work is not done, however. You may recall that the Restoring Excellence Capital Campaign was initially broken up into two phases: Phase I was focused on generating enough capital to fund the down payment, and Phase II was de-

signed to pay off as much of the mortgage as possible as well as to replenish our Educational Trust fund.

This next year and a half is going to be crucial to the future of our Alpha. The loan we obtained from First Financial Bank is set to mature on June 5, 2024, and there remains approximately \$720,000.00 outstanding. Although we were able to negotiate our current rate down from 5.75% to 5.00% last year before interest rates skyrocketed, we will probably not be so lucky when we re-finance next year. In order to ensure that

welcome as well. Beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. In place of an attendance fee, we will ask for a tax-deductible contribution to the Chi Psi Educational Trust. Attire is business casual.

Spring Alumni Weekend at the Lodge - March 24-26

This Spring's Alumni Weekend is sure to be special. Not only will we be gathering at the Lodge to celebrate the tremendous amount of success that the



Alpha has achieved, but we will also be unveiling a sculpture generously donated to us by the family of Brother Will Harrington, ZΔ '64. Will was born June 20, 1942 on the Southside of Chicago. He came to the University of Illinois on a scholarship from Rolling Meadows High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He was then awarded a scholar-

ship that allowed him to earn a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. Shortly after his graduation from the Hartford Art School he married Diana and was drafted into the U.S. Army.

Upon graduation from Officers Candidate School and serving in a logistics command in Germany, in 1967 Brother Harrington was chosen to lead the U.S. Army Combat Artist Team VII in Vietnam documenting through art the many bloody and sometimes horrific deployments of U.S. soldiers. His experience in the jungles and rice fields of Vietnam profoundly influenced his life's work.

Reception in Arizona for Zeta Delta Alumni - March 8

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Brother Dave Romoser has planned a reception for all Chi Psi Brothers in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area. The event will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the University Club of Phoenix from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All Arizona-based Zeta Delta alumni are encouraged to attend, and spouses/plus-one's are

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Report from the #1: Dan Anthony, ZΔ '25



By: Dan Anthony, ZΔ '25, #1

If you don't already know me, my name is Dan Anthony and I will be serving as Alpha Zeta Delta's #1 for 2023. I'm current-

ly a sophomore studying aerospace engineering and minoring in computer science here at UIUC. I play the trumpet and love playing tennis, even if I'm not as good as I think I am. If you can't already tell by the major, I've got aspirations of working on rockets and satellites in the future, however everyone keeps telling me that statistically, I'll probably end up working on missiles instead. Oh well, I guess that's close enough, right?

Over Winter break, I had the opportunity to travel down to Fairview, Tennessee to attend this year's Mid-Year Leadership Retreat hosted by Chi Psi's central office. There, I learned about resources that are available to me as president of my Alpha, attended workshops on leadership skills, and overall strengthened my ability to continue the success that our Alpha has been achieving over the past couple years. Besides that, I got a great opportunity to bond with other Chi Psi presidents. We shared stories, strategies, and had a great time getting to know each other. The whole experience put into perspective just how fortunate our Alpha is to have what we have. Some alphas don't have as great alumni as you guys, some don't have a

Lodge, and some don't have either one. It made me realize that Zeta Delta is on track for a successful future.

It hasn't been long since our eleven new members, recruited by Eric Muñoz, have initiated, but already they have been making a positive impact at The Lodge. They've been taking up important positions and dedicating a lot of their free time toward recruitment. These guys have been so much fun to have around and I am confident in their ability to step up to the plate and per-



form well as future leaders as they continue the legacy of those who came before.

Our new alumni relations chair, Ash Brodnansky, has made a big push to bring back Whiskey Wednesdays here at Zeta Delta, a tradition that had been put on the backburner this last semester. If

you don't know about Whiskey Wednesdays, it's an event where Zeta Delta alumni can drop by in person or online to hang out and have a good time with the undergrads. Keep a lookout on the alumni Facebook group for dates and times. We'd love to see you there.

Last semester, we made a big push toward hosting more philanthropy events than we had in the past. We ended up raising over \$1,200 for men's health charities through fun events like Pie a Chi Psi and No Shave November.

This semester we hope to do more and raise more. Our philanthropy chair, Wes Hollenberg, is already hard at work planning new events. We don't have a name for it yet, but the one I'm most excited for will involve a dunk tank and a lot of wet brothers. Keep a look out on our Instagram for that one.

It's going to be an exciting semester here at the Lodge.

Keep an eye on our social media to see what we've got going on. Also feel free to reach out to me anytime if you have any questions or concerns. I hope I will have the opportunity to get to know more of you as my term goes on.

Phase II

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dimensional wall paintings. Will published several books. His artworks have been shown in galleries throughout New England, the southern United States and Chicago. His work is found in collections internationally and in Boston, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Diana was Will's partner of over 50 years. They lived in Holliston, Massachusetts and maintained a cabin he built and a studio on 85 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. He adored his daughter Maya and his three grandsons, Paul, Stephen (Sparky) and Curtis. Will died on July 17, 2020 and is buried at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

The sculpture we will be unveiling was carved by Will and was selected and donated by Diana to be placed in our Lodge as a remembrance and tribute to him.

We could not be more thankful for the exuberance and generosity that our alumni have shown throughout the course of the Restoring Excellence Capital Campaign. As we laid out at the start of the campaign, Phase I was a sprint and Phase II was going to be a marathon. The fact that we were able to accomplish our Phase I goal and secure a mortgage for the new Lodge fills us with pride, as we hope it does all of you. But our job is far from finished, and the time is now for us all to dig deep and do a little more.

If you are interested in helping out the campaign as a class leader, please reach out to Matthew Hess at mrhess78@gmail.com, or at (312) 730-6103. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment, and we need your help.

We look forward to seeing you all at a Lodge event soon. If you are unable to make it to the reception in Arizona or the Spring Alumni Weekend, we hope you can attend either Initiation down at the Lodge on April 28-29, where we will be welcoming four new Brothers into the Bonds, or the Founders' Day Banquet that is going to be held on May 19 at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Curtis Preble, Jr., X '44

By: W. David Romoser, ZΔ '65

Robert Curtis Preble Jr. X '44 the 102nd recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and the 22nd #7 of the Chi Psi, died peacefully on December 30, 2022, eleven days after his 100th birthday.

Bob was born on December 19, 1922 in Oak Park, Illinois. His family

and friends gathered on December 17th at the Annex at Fleet Landing, Atlantic Beach Florida and again on December 18th at the Atlantic Beach Country Club to celebrate Bob's 100th birthday. Sam Bessey, past #23 and now Chi Psi's Chief Advancement Officer, and I were among the guests. We presented Bob with a framed photo of the Zeta Delta Brothers gathered in the Preble Family Library and framed Resolutions from our Alpha Corporation and the National Fraternity recognizing his long service to Chi Psi. Bob is the first #7 to have lived to be 100 years of age. As the accompanying picture reflects, Bob had a wonderful time at the parties.

Alpha Zeta Delta was adopted by Bob after his beloved Alpha Chi at Amherst College went dormant. He joined the other Preble family members that were initiated at our Alpha. They are his Father Robert Sr. '1919., Uncle Kenneth Sr., 1925, Brother William, 1946, and Cousin Kenneth Jr., 1952. Bob generously established scholarship funds with the Chi Psi Educational Trust for Zeta Delta undergraduates and supported the effort to purchase our new Lodge at 710 West Ohio and directed that his Chi Psi memorabilia be donated to Chi Psi to be placed in Jeffries Hall and the Preble Library at our Lodge.



On Friday December 29th I received the dreaded call from Ms. Timmy Byrd, Bob's assistant who oversaw his care. She informed me that Bob passed away peacefully earlier in the afternoon that day. Timmie told me that Bob had a special love for Chi Psi and took enormous pride in talking about his beloved fraternity. I've lost a good friend and Brother and I am enormously grateful that we shared over 50 years of Brotherhood through Chi Psi.



Daniel Patrick Pacer, ZΔ '98

Dan Pacer passed away on November 29, 2022 at the age of 45 after a 3 year courageous and relentless battle with cancer. He was born on August 14, 1977 in Chicago, Illinois. Dan grew up in Park Ridge where he attended school until he graduated from Maine South.

Dan went on to attend the University of Illinois for Chemical Engineering before he transferred to Ripon College in Wisconsin to play baseball and study Business. He was hesitant on the transfer, but his love for baseball and motivation to play won in the end. At Ripon, Dan played for hall of fame coach Gordie Gillespie -the same coach his Dad



played for in College.

After graduating from Ripon, Dan moved back to Chicago where he worked as a Senior Web Developer for Stats Incorporated and most recently, Americaneagle.com. Dan was a lover of all sports. He enjoyed going to Cubs games, Bears games, golfing, and playing on summer softball teams with friends. He ran numerous half marathons over the years with friends and family, and completed the Chicago Marathon in 2017 for charity. He loved spending time with his loved ones, especially his nephew, Henry.

Dan loved animals-he adopted a dalmatian and helped friends and family take care of their pets when they were on vacation or could no longer care for their pet. He was also passionate about science and technology from an early age. Dan enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes and going to new restaurants. Anyone that knew Dan, knew how kind and loyal he was. He was also known for his sense of humor and his smile.

Dan is preceded in death by his mother, Lynn Pacer (Higgins). Dan is survived by his father, Tom Pacer; sister, Alison Walsh (Pacer); nephew, Henry Walsh; his grandmother, Lorraine Higgins and his dear cousins, aunts, and uncles.

IN MEMORIAM

K. Stephen Anderson, ZΔ '55

Karl Stephen "Steve" Anderson, ZΔ '55, passed away peacefully on December 29. He is survived by 3 sons: Matt (ZΔ '81) (Joni), Doug (ZΔ '88) (Michele) and Eric (Cindy); three step children: Jeff (Alexandra), Scott and Sara Anderson; 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and four sisters. Steve will be laid to rest next to his wife Sally in Rochelle IL.

Steve was born in Chicago in 1933, the Godson of Chicago composer Leo Sowerby. He graduated from Riverside IL High School. He earned a BS from the University of Illinois (Champaign) in editorial journalism, where he was also night editor of the Daily Illini newspaper and a member of Chi Psi fraternity. Steve's employments included director of communications for the ISBA & editor of the ISBA Bar News (1988-2009); editor and associate publisher of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (1981-1988); publisher of James newspapers in Norway ME



(1980-81); editor and associate publisher of Chronicle Newspapers in St. Charles IL (1973-80); publisher of Paddock Crescent DuPage Newspapers in Downers

Grove IL (1971-73); printing plant manager of Pioneer Press in St. Charles IL (1968-71); general manager of Pioneer Newspapers in Oak Park IL (1963-68); general manager of the Proviso Herald in Maywood IL (1955-63).

He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, the Chicago Crime Commission, the Illinois Press Association, president of the Chicago Headline Club, president of the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association, chairman of the National Newspaper Association and honorary member of the Kane County Bar Association. He was the president of the Chamber of Commerce in both St. Charles and Highland Park. He volunteered at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago's Andersonville. His lengthy list of awards pinnacle in 2009 when Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley declared April 29 to be K. Stephen Anderson day throughout Chicago.

Founders' Day Banquet to be Held on May 19

St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club to Again Host Friday Night Event

Zeta Delta is returning to St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club for this year's Founders' Day Banquet! The premier annual event for both active and alumni members of our Alpha is going to be held on a Friday night this year – May 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone reading this is encouraged to attend!

Last year's event was one to remember. Alumni Recognition Awards were given out to two highly deserving Brothers—Mathew Murphy, ZΔ '91, and Cameron Wall, ZΔ '11. Brother Murphy has been a mainstay on the Alumni Board for many years since his graduation, including as both vice-president, secretary, and most recently as the current chairman of the Fundraising Committee.

Brother Wall got involved with the Alumni Board immediately upon graduation, and he served an important role in bridging the gap between the older and young-

er generations of Zeta Delta alumni. He was a driving force behind our push to purchase the new Lodge. We are grateful of both Brother Murphy's and Brother Wall's past contributions, and we look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Additionally, Evan Fouts, ZΔ '22, was awarded the H. Seger Slifer award at last year's banquet. The Slifer 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 presented to a senior brother in the Alpha based upon his scholarship, activities, fraternal service and exhibition of Chi Psi conduct.

If you would like to attend, please register by May 11, 2023 at AZDChiPsi.org. Tickets are \$125 per alumni and guest, and \$60 per undergraduate and guest. The price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, and a premium open bar.





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For Alpha Zeta Delta's Annual Founders' Day Banquet

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Price: \$125 Per Person (\$60 Per Undergraduate)

Please Register Online by May 11, 2023

St. Andrews Golf and Country Club

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West Chicago, Illinois

Register Today at www.AZDChiPsi.org

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Event Schedule

- Mar. 8** **Arizona XΨ Reception**
The University Club
39 E. Monte Vista Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85004
- Mar. 24-26** **Alumni Weekend**
Zeta Delta Lodge
- Apr. 28-29** **Initiation**
Zeta Delta Lodge
- May 19** **Founders' Day Banquet**
*St. Andrews Golf &
Country Club*
2241 Illinois Rte. 59
West Chicago, IL
- Jun. 24** **Alumni-Active Softball
Game and Picnic**
Date and Location TBD
- Jul. 26-29** **Chi Psi's 182nd Annual
Convention**
Alpha Iota Delta
Atlanta, GA

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www.AZDChiPsi.org