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ALPHA ZETA DELTA ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Remarks From The #1

Spring is here, and with summer right around the corner, excitement fills the air in Champaign, IL.

That same kind of excitement is present throughout the Lodge these days as well, but not because of the promise of warmer weather. Instead, it's the promise of something much greater, something that Alpha Zeta Delta has not had in a long time. It's the promise of a pledge class of at least ten men.

Wheels are already in motion preparing for our rush in the fall. The Temple Hoyne Buell Memorial Scholarship, which is now a permanent scholarship offered by the Alpha Zeta Delta Educational Foundation, will once again be our main rush tool. However, we are confident the changes in the interviewing and selection procedures will increase the effectiveness of the program considerably.

This year, the undergraduates will be interviewing the semi-finalists instead of the alumni, and we will also select the finalists. The finalists will then be interviewed again on the day before the awards banquet by the alumni. Hopefully, these changes will allow the undergraduates to develop a better relationship with the applicants right off the bat, while at the same time preserving the credibility of the scholarship by having the alumni select the winners.

We are also going to have a more intense rush program during the summer, which will include a barbecue and a trip to a Cubs game. Hopefully

these summer rush events will help us to get to know the Buell finalists really well before they even get to school in the fall.

As far as the semesters' rush goes, we have just initiated three new brothers. Geoff Bacci, Mark Veliz, and Mike Schmitz entered the bonds on the weekend of April 23rd. The banquet was held at Alexanders and the brothers gathered at the White Horse Inn to celebrate that evening.

Once again, the numbers don't tell the whole story. Every active in the Lodge, especially the new-I's, did an outstanding job this semester. We worked hard and did everything right. Spring rush is a bit harder, the average size of pledge classes for fraternities campus wide was only six. But we learned a lot this semester about rushing, and I am confident that the practice that we received this semester will pay dividends in the fall. We also have a rush workshop scheduled for August which will be hosted by Brothers Mason and O'Neill.

We will begin next semester with 23 actives, at least 14 of whom will be living in the Lodge. Plans to improve the living conditions and attractiveness of the Lodge include getting a food service for next semester, having at least one work weekend in the summer, and getting our high-speed internet access installed. The entire Alpha is committed to having more brothers to live-in, and other options, including higher dues for out-of-Lodgers, are being considered. A

committee was formed by Brothers Schallmo, Way, Stevens and myself to explore these issues.

Scholastically, our grade point average fell .008 points last semester, from 2.963 (on a four-point scale) to 2.955. The all-men's average rose .016 points, to 2.970, putting us just below it. However, we are still above the all-fraternity average of 2.951. We were ranked 21st out of 51 fraternities.

To wrap this up, I want to once again encourage all of you to try and visit the Lodge sometime soon. We look forward to meeting alumni that we have not yet had the pleasure to meet and thank all of the alumni who have visited Champaign and those of you who have helped with our Initiations this school year. We are in the process of achieving something very special, and the more support you guys can offer, the better. If you didn't get the opportunity to make it down this year, the fall Alumni Reunion will be held on September 25. You are also welcome to come by on Homecoming weekend or anytime as well. Also, there will be an Alumni-Active picnic featuring a softball game this summer. The entire family is welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon.

YITB,
Matt Hess, '00

RUSH UPDATE

This year's spring rush, which has been extremely difficult for all fraternities at Illinois, rewarded Alpha Zeta Delta's hard work with three new brothers. Each one exemplifies exactly what we are looking for in brothers. They are first and foremost gentlemen. They are also hard-working and appreciate what they have become a part of.

Geoff Bacci, Mark Veliz and Mike Schmitz are bringing with them a new step in our Alpha's growth. Fall semester we initiated six brothers and in turn they helped bring about these new brothers. We feel good about initiating nine new brothers this year and will be looking for the same success in our Fall '99 rush.

Geoff is from St. Charles, IL and is looking into mechanical engineering. Mark is from Cahokia, IL and is in materials science and engineering. Mike, or Schmitty as we call him, is from Streater, IL and is in chemical engineering.

As pledge educator, I noticed that these gentlemen thought they knew what they were getting involved in. I know I thought that way as well, but I never fully understood until I moved into the Lodge. Living in Lodge is a totally different and fun experience. Being around everyone, you begin to realize exactly what it takes to keep everything together. Also, you form a closer bond with the other brothers, whether it's studying

until four in the morning, playing intramural sports together, or helping to clean the dishes. This is what holds us together, the common experiences that we go through in college and can share with our future brothers.

I feel that the three brothers we initiated this semester will soon realize what it is to be a brother of Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi in a broader sense. I hope that more alumni will be able to come down for Reunion, Initiation or any other time to share their past experiences with us and create some new ones. I urge everyone to make the trip to Champaign to see us. We truly do appreciate meeting you.

YITB,
Glen Scott, '01

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1999 Undergraduate Summer Schedule

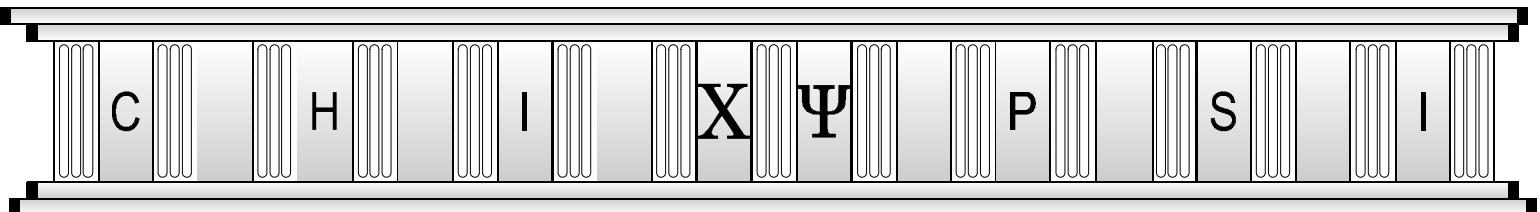
May 23	Closing Date for Buell
Jun 4-5	Lode Clean-up
Jun 19	Buell Interviews
Jun 26	Buell Interviews
TBA	Alumni-Active Picnic
Jul 24	Buell Rush BBQ
Aug 4-8	National Convention in Minnesota
Aug 15	Buell Sox Game
Aug 21	Rush Workshop
Aug 27	Finalists Interviews
Aug 28	Buell Awards Banquet
Sep 18	Rush BBQ - Volleyball
Sep 25	Alumni Reunion at the Lodge
Oct 16	Homecoming
Nov 20	Dad's Day Weekend
Dec 3	Initiation

Please feel free to attend any event. We welcome the participation.

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A Letter from the President

Gentlemen,

The March 19-21, 1999, issue of USA Weekend magazine featured an article by psychologist and author Mary Pipher entitled "The new generation gap (For the nation's health, we need to reconnect young and old)." The article asserts that our society has segregated people by age in many ways, including retirement communities, preschools, day-care centers, after-school programs, etc. The author makes the following observation: "If 10 14-year olds are grouped together, they will for a *Lord of the Flies* culture with its competitiveness and meanness. But if 10 people ages 2 to 80 are grouped together, they will fall into a natural age hierarchy that nurtures and teaches them all." She concludes the article by asserting, "We must work together as a people to build the kinds of rituals, communities, institutions, and language that allow us to love and care for one another."

As if often the case, observations about society on a large scale are in many respects applicable to our smaller communities, including our Fraternity. It has often been said that the strongest Alphas of Chi Psi are those with the strongest, most involved alumni. There is no doubt that Alpha Theta Delta's rapid (3 year) turnaround from near complete disintegration to winning the first of four consecutive Thayer Trophies (and several more in the 10 years since) was due in a large part to the dedicated involvement of many alumni from every generation at that Alpha. Why is this so?

Chi Psi, we often say, is not a four-year fraternity – it is a lifelong Brotherhood. "Once a Chi Psi, always a Chi Psi!" the saying goes. The four years of a man's college life are but a beginning. Ask any alumnus who has remained involved in Chi Psi since graduation, and he will tell you that it is incredibly fulfilling to make a difference in the lives of the young men who are the future of the organization.

The fire at the heart of every Alpha is the youthful enthusiasm and idealism of the actives and pledges. The potential of an Alpha, though, is realized only when the hot steel of youth is tempered with the experience and wisdom of alumni like us. We make many mistakes, and our heirs will make the same mistakes if we aren't there to guide them. We saw many successes, but our heirs will not taste the same sweet fruit if we don't help them create a vision of what they are working towards. It is important that we not deny them the link to previous generations that they desperately want and need.

If you talk to any undergraduate member of Alpha

Zeta Delta they will first tell you how much they sincerely appreciate that you care enough to call or stop by. They will never admit it, but hiding behind the genuine enthusiasm they show in meeting you is a little frustration with all the other alumni who live within a few hours of Champaign but never stop by the Lodge or with the alumni who have a telephone but never call. In many ways the current group of actives are like orphans, trying to find a personal link to their own past. Only a small percentage of our Alpha's alumni actually stay involved in even the slightest way.

I am not trying to make you feel guilty for devoting precious time to work and family. We all have lives to live. I am trying to make you think about how you can help your other family, your Fraternity. The easiest way is through your financial support. We collect dues every year to help pay the costs associated with keeping Alpha Zeta Delta of Chi Psi alive and growing. Sometime in the next several years (hopefully sooner than later), we expect to have Alpha Zeta Delta showing strong numbers and even stronger accomplishments. The time will come soon that we will be ready to invest once again in a permanent Lodge for Alpha Zeta Delta, and we will need to launch a capital fundraising campaign to make that a reality. Financial support will be even more critical then, as will volunteer support. Volunteer support is the other way to help our Alpha. You could get involved in the Alumni Corporation or Educational Foundation as a board member. You could simply bring the family down to the Lodge for the day at Homecoming. You could recommend Chi Psi to quality young men that you know will be attending the University of Illinois. The bottom line is that no contribution, financial or otherwise, is too small to make a difference in helping Alpha Zeta Delta become a top fraternity once again.

I have enormous faith in our current undergraduate brotherhood at Illinois. There is a contagious enthusiasm and commitment to excellence that has our Alpha poised on the edge of either a spectacular ascent or a spectacular disappointment. If we can close the generation gap by getting our alumni involved, we will assure the spectacular ascent that is befitting Chi Psi.

Yours in the Bonds,

Todd Fouts

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PATRICK UPSHAW MAJOR, of Frankfort, was born in the capital city in the year 1822. His father, Samuel I. M. Major, who for many years served as deputy clerk of the United States courts at Frankfort, was born at Bryant Station, Kentucky, in 1792, his parents locating there after their entry into this state from Virginia. The family were among the earliest of English emigrants to the colony of Virginia and established a home in York county. One of the representatives of the named served as speaker of the house of burgesses of Virginia in 1665. On the paternal side Judge Major is also connected with Oliver Cromwell, the great commoner, his son, Richard Cromwell, having married Dorthea Major. The mother of the Judge, Mrs. Martha H. Major (nee Bohannon), was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, on a farm adjoining the Crittenden homestead, where Hon. J. J. Crittenden first saw the light. Her people were also Virginians, coming from Essex and Caroline counties, where several of her ancestors held the high office of justice through several generations. Patrick U. Major was educated in a private academy in Frankfort conducted by B. B. Sayre, a graduate of Kenyon College, of Ohio, and one of the most profound scholars and ablest teachers of his day. On leaving that institution Mr. Major entered the junior class of Union College, of Schenectady, New York, in 1840, and was graduated with honor in 1842. While in that school he became one of the founders of the Chi Psi society, was the first presiding officer of the same, and has always been one of its most loyal members. The organization is now one of the oldest, strongest and most conservative of the eastern fraternities. In its formation Judge Major was associated with such men as Major-General James C. Duane, Colonel Alexander C. Berthoud, Hon. James L. Witherspoon, Hon. William F. Terhune and Phillip Spencer, son of the secretary of war at that time. The society includes within its membership at the present time some of the most noted men of the nation, among whom are Chief Justice M. W. Fuller, Thomas B. Reed, speaker of the lower house of congress, and others. After his graduation at Union College in 1842 Mr. Major returned to Frankfort and studied law under the instruction of Hon. T. B. Monroe, then judge of the United States district court, and also under Hon. Charles S. Morehead, afterward governor of Kentucky. He was admitted to the bar in 1844 and in 1852 was elected county attorney on the Democratic ticket, the first member of that party ever elected by the people to any office in the county, which previously had been a Whig stronghold. In 1856 he was elected commonwealth attorney for the eighth judicial circuit, comprising eight counties, and for six years served in that capacity most acceptably to the public. In 1870 he was elected judge of the eleventh judicial

circuit to fill a vacancy, and afterward at a regular election was chosen for a full term of six years. On retiring from the bench he resumed the active practice of law which he continued up to 1893, and even now occasionally appears as the representative of the interests of some old client. He has been connected with some of the most important litigation in his section of the state, including the trial of Gill versus the Robert heirs, tried in Shelby county circuit court and involving the title to fifteen hundred acres of land. He defended Bohannon in the case of the Commonwealth versus Bohannon, which was the means of settling the Kentucky law on the subject of self-defense and was one of the lawyers in the following: United States versus Williams et al, involving the cases of parties violating Kentucky law and indicted in the United States courts when Negroes were the only witnesses; as was then the law, Negroes could not testify in the state courts and such cases were commenced in the United States courts; also United States versus Kirby, which was finally tried in the United States supreme court, and involved the right of a state office to arrest a United States official for an offense against the state while executing a public duty, in which the action of the former was sustained; and the Commonwealth versus Terrell for the killing of Colonel Harry Meyers, as well as for defense in Commonwealth versus Stevens, who was acquitted of a charge of assassination on change of venue to the Henry county circuit court. Judge Major, while in active practice, was regarded as one of the most prominent representatives of the profession. Thoroughly versed in the science of jurisprudence and equally at home in every branch of the law, his defenses were able, logical and convincing. His arguments showed thorough preparation, and he lost sight of no fact that might advance his client's interests, and passed by no available point of attack in an opponent's argument. On the bench his rulings were ever just, incisive and incapable of misinterpretation. With a full appreciation of the majesty of the law he exemplified that justice which is the inherent right of every individual, and fearlessly discharged his duties with a loyalty to principle that knew no wavering. He has the sincere respect of the entire Kentucky bar, and has long occupied a place in the foremost ranks among its distinguished members. Judge Major is one of the most valued and honorable members of the Masonic fraternity, has taken twelve degrees in the York and thirty-two degrees in the Scottish rite, and is devoted to the principles of the order. He is also a worthy member of the Odd Fellows society. He has been a life-long communicant in the Episcopal church, and has ever been active in furthering those interests which promote the welfare of mankind. With him friendship is inviolable and he not only makes many friends but has the happy faculty of drawing them closer to him as the years pass by.