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Housing Corporation Prepares for Another 61 Years *Six Pillar Continuity and Stability Plan in Place to Serve Zeta Phi*

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May marked 61 years since the founding of the Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu at Bradley. However, our rich history of fraternal leadership dates back to the late 1800s when a local fraternity by the name of Alpha Pi was established shortly after the founding of what was then known as Bradley Polytechnic Institute.

As membership continued to increase through the '50s and '60s, the need for a modern structure became necessary, and a building committee was formed. This committee was the first establishment of our current Housing Corporation that planned, built, and opened the current chapter house in 1964. The structure was built at a cost of \$120,000 and a mortgage was set up to be paid, in part, by members of the fraternity and partly from contributions from Alpha Pi and Sigma Nu alumni. By the mid-1980s, the mortgage was paid in full, which was nearly 10 years earlier than planned.

Just as a group of servant alumni once identified in the early 1960s, we are at a point in our history in which major development and upgrades will be necessary to provide modern student facilities to help recruit the best campus leaders. Additional information is forthcoming on our efforts to plan for necessary enhancements to our chapter house.

The primary role of the Housing Corporation is to provide continuity and financial stability to the undergraduate chapter. Chapter membership turns over every four years, but the Housing Corporation remains constant. Our board members have a long-term perspective and commitment to the proper management of the chapter and its facility. I am pleased to share the Sigma Nu Housing Corporation operating plan and focus for the 2016-17 academic term. This plan is built on a foundation of six pillars that will help support, maintain, and develop our chapter.

I hope you will enjoy this edition of *Sigma News* as we highlight the many recent accomplishments of our active chapter while boasting one of the highest campus GPAs in spring 2016, successfully raising over \$15K for the Children's Hospital, and continually investing in our leadership development and education by highlighting the experience of Commander **Drew Hitson '18 (ZΦ1234)** at our Grand Chapter in San Diego this past summer.

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HOUSING CORPORATION 2016-17 OPERATING FOCUS

Board Operations

- Conduct quarterly meetings
- Revise bylaws
- Prepare and distribute meeting minutes

Financial and Risk Management

- Maintain operating budget
- Conduct annual audit
- Prepare annual tax filings
- Conduct annual property insurance evaluation
- Conduct fire inspections

Chapter Advisory

- Maintain alumni advisory board to support scholarship, financial management, LEAD, risk reduction, philanthropy, and career preparation

Development

- Conduct annual property assessment
- Establish capital improvement fund

Board Membership

- Recruit board members with real estate, finance, and/or legal expertise
- Implement formal officer positions and terms

Alumni Relations

- Prepare and distribute newsletter article publication (fall and spring)
- Host annual alumni golf outing
- Maintain alumni database

Zeta Phi Provides Tools and Friendships to Last a Lifetime

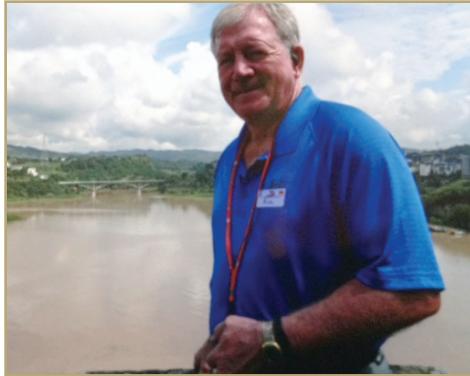
Rich Heneberry '71 (ZΦ345) Looks Back on His Undergraduate Experience

The year that Lance Armstrong was born, Led Zeppelin released their fourth album, and gas was 40 cents per gallon, **Rich Heneberry '71 (ZΦ345)** was graduating from Bradley University and taking pride in becoming a Zeta Phi alumnus.

Since Sigma Nu has been at Bradley, brothers from all generations have found a like-minded group of men who share an interest in leadership. Alumni know that their membership in Zeta Phi benefitted them tremendously by adding positive experiences to their college years—academically, philanthropically, and socially.

While every Zeta Phi's experience is slightly different, one constant remains the same: the values and brotherhood that all members share. "Staying connected with brothers is important because these guys are friends for life. Even when life gets busy and takes us in different directions, Sigma Nu is a common thread we all share," Rich says. "It's essential we pass this on to future generations so the active chapter continues to succeed and Zeta Phi can continue to thrive."

Rich spends time with Zeta Phis regularly, especially his son, **John Heneberry '10 (ZΦ1091)**. Rich is confident that the relationships he formed with **Gary Bergman '69 (ZΦ340)**, who was the best man at his wedding, **Max Brittain '69 (ZΦ302)**, **Al Bartel '69 (ZΦ337)**, and **Jim Bixby '64 (ZΦ254)**, who he gets together with annually, and countless others he connects with at various social events and alumni golf outings, will remain strong for as long as he lives.



Reflecting on how he got to where he is today, Rich says he owes a lot to the experiences he gained as a Zeta Phi. "The opportunity to meet new people—especially those who were outside of the athletic community—and develop meaningful relationships with people of different backgrounds, goals, and fields of interest shaped my life." Learning leadership skills, conflict management, and how to work well with others set Rich on a path for success. "The fraternity has done so much for me and I hope I can give back just as much in the future."

As the owner and operator of a marketing and consulting firm specializing in nonprofit marketing strategy, Rich strives to work hard, be around good energy, and learn new things and grow. Above all he says, "Success breeds success. If you surround yourself with the best of the best people, your life will be enriched greatly and will allow you to go on and accomplish great things."

Rich prides himself on being a family man. He and his wife of 40 years, Joyce, who is a Bradley University alumna, are most proud of the success of their two sons and two daughters who have gone on to live fulfilling lives in their fields of interest.

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Samuel "Sam" M. Vance III '56 (ZΦ95) and his wife, Ginny, celebrated 60 years of marriage. After living in New York for 35 years, he and Ginny moved to a family home in 2001 in Rapid City, Mich. Sam enjoys being a member of the National Model Railroad Society and the Antique Outboard Motor Club Inc. E-mail: vancejctsg@torchlake.com

Robert "Bob" D. Storbeck '61 (ZΦ181) and his wife, Mary, happily live in Sun City, Texas. Bob enjoys playing golf four to five days a week on the three 18-hole golf courses that the community offers and has made two hole-in-ones over the past five years. In his spare time, Bob takes pleasure in reading and racing remote control cars. E-mail: bstorbeck@suddenlink.net

Brewster B. Johnson '65 (ZΦ230) keeps busy by spending time with his six grandchildren in Naperville, Ill., golfing, and traveling

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whenever possible. He has operated the Civic Center scoreboard for Bradley University basketball for the past three years. E-mail: brewcam@yahoo.com

Richard "Rich" J. Heneberry '71 (ZΦ345) works as a consultant with several nonprofit organizations for Executive Service Corps of Chicago. Rich enjoys golfing, boating, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his wife, Joyce, four children, and grandchild in Lake Villa, Ill. E-mail: rheneberry49@gmail.com

John J. Baroni '76 (ZΦ425) cherishes the opportunities he had to travel the world. "I'm just trying to age gracefully," he teases. John values his Zeta Phi experiences and maintains connections

with several brothers. John lives in Nolensville, Tenn. E-mail: johnjbaroni@yahoo.com

Mark A. Valvano '92 (ZΦ736) began teaching seventh and eighth grade students, with a focus in social studies, at Catholic schools after a fulfilling 20-year career in business in 2005. He proudly serves as principal of Notre Dame Academy in Palisades Park, N.J.

Eric S. Gunderson '94 (ZΦ774) is proud to announce that he started a new company, Guardian Owl Digital Marketing, which specializes in search engine marketing and paid online media. Eric encourages alumni to check out the company website at guardianowdigital.com to improve their company's ROI from online marketing efforts. Eric and his wife, Jenny, have two children and live in Louisville, Ky. E-mail: eric@gunderson.com

UNDERGRADUATES DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN GREEK AND CAMPUS LIFE

The Zeta Phi Chapter is off to a great start after a fantastic spring 2016 semester. We are excited to work hard and strive to be the best chapter we can possibly be and look forward to a very successful 2016-17 academic year.

Zeta Phi Chapter Ranked Third

The chapter made great strides in academics last spring. Members collectively earned a 3.16 GPA. This was a phenomenal milestone for the chapter, ranking us third among active chapters at Bradley. The chapter will continue to work and strive to recruit and develop well-rounded and well-educated men!

Athletic Program Joins Forces with Zeta Phi

The chapter strives to make new connections and expand on a budding relationship between Greek and campus life. During the spring semester, members of the Zeta Phi Chapter had the chance to sit down with Bradley athletic director, Chris Reynolds, and discuss ways Greek life and the athletic program can collaborate to revitalize the athletic program and increase the number of students attending sporting events. The athletic program has been very accepting for the opportunity to make this connection!

Undergraduates Recruit the Best

Our chapter takes great pride in pledging outstanding new members to the Zeta Phi Chapter. The chapter worked hard during recruitment this fall and our efforts paid off with 18 phenomenal candidates who are excited to start their journey with Sigma Nu and the Zeta Phi Chapter.

We are elated by the results of the spring semester and look to continue with a strong fall semester. Be on the lookout for information on Zeta Phi alumni weekend and golf outing, which will be sent out soon!

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Undergraduates raise \$15,130 for the Children's Hospital.



Brothers help the Bartonville Christian Church collect cans for their annual can-a-thon.



Rain or shine, the brothers of Zeta Phi run for the kids—45 miles, but we made it!



Zeta Phis are spring 2016 IFC soccer champions.

Welcome, New Candidates

Dylan Beccue '20 • Tremont, Ill.
Aidan Blassage '20 • Stillman Valley, Ill.
Jake Breitenreiter '20 • Mundelein, Ill.
Adam Duvendack '20 • Canton, Ill.
Alex Fuentes '20 • Sauk Village, Ill.
Daniel Gardner '20* • Springfield, Ill.
(Father Frank Gardner, Theta Rho '89)
Brandon Hedrick '20 • Aledo, Ill.
Louie Hirlinger '20 • Springfield, Ill.
Dylan Horswell '20* • Springfield, Ill.
(Stepfather Bob Kolpin '75 (ZΦ374))
Justin Limoges '20 • Troy, Vt.
Hansen McIlvaine '20* • Racine, Wis.
Ryan Palubin '20 • Naperville, Ill.
Christopher Peters '20 • Naperville, Ill.
Rodrigo Ramirez '20 • Chicago, Ill.
Noah Ryan '20 • Downers Grove, Ill.
James Thoennes '20 • Mundelein, Ill.
Brandon Vasquez '20 • Morris, Ill.
Kal Wilson '20 • Mishawaka, Ind.

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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending Bradley University, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address. Thank you.

Brothers Grateful to Attend National Conference

Over the summer, Lieutenant Commander **Robert "Rob" Harris '18 (ZΦ1232)** and I had the chance to head to San Diego, CA, for the 67th Grand Chapter. This experience allowed the opportunity to learn about the state of the fraternity and participate in legislative sessions concerning our fraternity. We also networked with thousands of Sigma Nu's across the nation, including Zeta Phi alumnus and High Council Member, **David Mainella '90 (ZΦ713)**, where we shared our achievements and discussed ways to improve our chapter's LEAD programming.

Rob and I are extremely thankful to the Housing Corp for supporting our travel to San Diego and we look forward to implementing the many best practices learned. Grand Chapter was an extremely rewarding experience that I would recommend that any interested alumni or undergraduate participate in the future!

Fraternally,
Drew Hitson '18 (ZΦ1234)



CHAPTER OFFICERS Commander **Drew Hitson '18 (ZΦ1234)** | Lieutenant Commander **Robert "Rob" Harris '18 (ZΦ1232)** | Treasurer **Logan Welling '19 (ZΦ1239)** | Recruitment Chairmen and Brotherhood Chairmen **Bryan Fouts '18 (ZΦ1233)**, **Rosario Nasca '18 (ZΦ1235)** | Scholarship Chairman **Zachary Aldinger '17 (ZΦ1219)** | Leadership Chairman **Alexander Kryah '17 (ZΦ1214)** | Pledge Marshall **Donald Algozine '17 (ZΦ1227)** | Recorder **Christopher Chaidez '19 (ZΦ1246)**