



SIGMA NEWS

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Out with the Old, In with the New Housing Corporation Announces Major Renovation Campaign



Updated active room.



Updated bathroom



Chapter House Rendering.

During a special Sigma Nu alumni meeting in Peoria, Illinois, this past October, Housing Corporation President **Wes Zobrist '06 (ZΦ1023)** announced the *Campaign for Sigma Nu*, which will work to completely renovate the Zeta Phi chapter house at Bradley by the fall 2022 semester.

Wes stated, “As we all know, many of the other leading fraternities at Bradley have modernized and invested in their houses. After 60 years, our fraternity house has become worn and unsafe and is in need of a complete renovation. At the same time, it is necessary to provide additional new space for the next generation of Sigma Nus to compete as a top-tier fraternity at Bradley.”

Five years ago, a careful inspection revealed the house was deteriorating, but the infrastructure was sound and reusable. A plan emerged to establish a campaign committee of alumni to raise funds to rehabilitate and reuse the existing house for a major renovation project.

Campaign Chairman **Gary Bergman '69 (ZΦ340)** announced that a core group of 42 alumni has already raised \$950,000 of the \$1,750,000 needed for the *Campaign for Sigma Nu*. Now, the Housing Corporation needs to secure an additional \$800,000 in gifts from over 1,000 ΣΝ

alumni to complete the renovation project scheduled for the summer of 2022.

To date, all sleeping rooms and bathrooms, as well as the kitchen and other major areas, have been renovated. All doors and windows and many electrical, plumbing, and internet systems have been upgraded. As soon as additional funds are secured, a new porch and front entryway will be completed in addition to enclosing a two-story area over the old pit.

All gifts to the campaign, using a special pledge form, can be made directly to Bradley University, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and are tax deductible for all donors. Details on how to give, and the various giving societies and naming opportunities, can be found in a special mailing being sent to all Sigma Nus. For specific questions, please contact Gary at gbergman1@gmail.com or (631) 335-7050, or view the Sigma Nu website at www.bradleysigmanu.org.

“We must order materials soon and schedule construction for summer 2022. We are looking forward to hearing from all alumni. All donor names will be included on the permanent list of contributors that will be displayed in the house,” Wes added.

Memories of a Valued Brotherhood

Why Al Bartel '70 (ZΦ337) Keeps Up with Zeta Phi

Al Bartel '70 (ZΦ337) befriended several Sigma Nu brothers in his first semester at Bradley, which made Zeta Phi an easy choice during recruitment. Thanks to those brothers, a strong pledge class, and a great pledge father, **Jim Dague '68 (ZΦ306)**, Al quickly grew to appreciate the traditions and values of Sigma Nu.

"Whether grabbing a cup of coffee at the student union or simply hanging out on the patio or in a study room, I always enjoyed time spent with my fellow brothers," Al recalls. He served as president of his pledge class, followed by lieutenant commander, and fondly remembers many events, such as the Pan Fra choir competition. "Zeta Phi offered a wonderful range of life experiences while teaching brothers to get along and work with others in a group setting."

Al spent most of his career in commercial printing at Argus Press in Illinois. He started in production and manufacturing after college before moving into sales and marketing, where he helped bring creative guidance to the company as well as the greater advertising and corporate community; he also enjoyed



mentoring colleagues. Al partly credits Sigma Nu with teaching him the social networking skills crucial to a career in sales.

To this day, Al has kept up with several quality brothers, including **Gary Bergman '69 (ZΦ340)**, **David Hardt '70 (ZΦ372)**, **John**

Congalton '69 (ZΦ339), **Karl Dobrinich '70 (ZΦ370)**, **Max Brittain '69 (ZΦ320)**, and **Rich Henneberry '69 (ZΦ246)**. He feels fortunate that brothers like Gary have remained active with Zeta Phi and helped him become involved with the chapter again.

Engaging with the *Campaign for Sigma Nu* allowed Al to reconnect with Jim Dague as well as one of his pledge brothers, **Steve Sproul '70 (ZΦ338)**. "This is a great opportunity to support the legacy of our fraternity and university ... to support a group that I genuinely benefited from and make it better for those who come after me."

Al also encourages fellow alumnae who may have fallen out of touch to reconnect, if possible. "By staying connected, we can build lifelong friendships and create a better environment for those who come after us. These lasting friendships I have made and the experiences that we shared have made a major positive contribution to my life."

Al and his wife, Lorie, live in Park Ridge, Illinois, and they enjoy spending time with their family and grandchildren. He can be reached at bartelsan@aol.com.

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Active Brothers Continue to Excel with Honor

Zeta Phi Gives Thanks to Alumni

This past summer, Zeta Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu has been lucky enough to receive donations from alumni that have been put toward our house renovations. These gracious gifts have provided the active brothers and in-house members with built-in desks, new stalled-off showers, and even a dedicated laundry room.

We held an event in September for those who gave contributions to fund this phase one remodel. We were able to give tours of the house, welcome University President Dr. Stephen Standifird, and treat the alumni donors to a dinner out on the town.

We have also welcomed new candidates this year! After a tough turnout for recruitment across all of Bradley's Greek life, we were able to bring in 11 great men to join our candidate program.

Fraternally,
Ethan Smith '23 (ZΦ1299)
 Commander
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Alumni event at the newly remodeled house celebrating the donations of alumni. President Stanford is pictured with some of the active members.



Active members welcome home new fall candidates.



Our basketball team after winning the intramural 3 vs. 3 tournament. From left: Nathan Sachtleben '24 (ZΦ1306), Jack Settle '24 (ZΦ1304), Colin Whitehouse '24 (ZΦ1308), Corey Novander '23 (ZΦ1283), and Nathan Lobb '24 (ZΦ1309).

CONGRATS, GRADUATING SIGMA NUS!

Mark Milewski '22 (ZΦ1287)

Mark is a senior from Tinley Park, Illinois. He will be graduating in the spring with a degree in television arts. After college, he plans to return home to the Chicago area and find a job in either live production or advertising.

Brian Leonard '22 (ZΦ1284)

Brian is a former Bradley track athlete from Palatine, Illinois. He started as an electrical engineering major but changed to UX design after his first year. He will be graduating in the spring. Brian wants to work for a big company, such as Caterpillar, once he's out of college.

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WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

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