



SIGMA NEWS

A PUBLICATION OF THE ZETA PHI CHAPTER OF SIGMA NU

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY ▲ Fall 2024

Supporting Our Chapter

GET INVOLVED WITH THE BUILDING CORPORATION

Welcome to the fall 2024 edition of *Sigma News*. As fraternity brothers, we hold true to our mission: *To develop ethical leaders inspired by the principles of Love, Honor, and Truth. To foster the personal growth of each man's mind, heart, and character. To perpetuate lifelong friendships and commitment to the fraternity.* As alumni, we do this by equipping and supporting the active chapter to achieve organizational and operational excellence.

The on-campus chapter does its part to increase the value of its lifetime membership experience. This year, there have been multiple opportunities for alumni to visit Bradley University and attend Sigma Nu alumni events from the Gameball Run check presentation at the Bradley vs. Illinois State basketball game to the alumni golf outing Newman Golf Course. They also recently celebrated Bradley University Homecoming weekend with an alumni tailgate at the men's soccer game. Be sure to check out our website at bradleysigmanu.org for news and photos.

As a building corporation, we are always looking for new volunteers who have a passion for maintaining the fraternity house and guiding and preparing these young men to be successful after graduation. If you are interested in being on the building corporation or the advisory board, please let me know.

Fraternally,
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IMPROVING ZETA PHI

Chapter Celebrates Achievements

Zeta Phi Chapter has worked to accomplish many things this semester and has been making small improvements toward our goals of obtaining Rock Chapter Status and Organization of the Year.

One area of improvement is the chapter's public relations. We have been using Instagram to share Meet Exec Monday posts and some of Zeta Phi's accomplishments. We held our first Halloween 4K, which raised over \$2,000 through the run and T-shirt sales. The chapter also hosted a Philanthropy Week from September 16-20, where we held a Krispy Kreme Donut sale, a gift basket raffle, Pie-A-SNU, and a car wash. These events helped raise nearly \$1,000 toward our \$20,000-plus goal. Additionally, the chapter has participated in multiple service events, including card and blanket making with Chi Omega. Our cards were given to children at OSF Hospital, while the blankets were donated to a local homeless shelter.



Members at the Bradley University Homecoming soccer game.

Relations with the sororities on campus is also on the rise. We gained the help of Pi Beta Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Delta to participate in our 4K. In return, we have helped Pi Beta Phi with their philanthropic efforts, participated in Gamma Phi Beta's annual Moonball Tournament, and planned a service event with Kappa Delta for late in the semester.

This year, Zeta Phi introduced a new Sweetheart Program to help better our relationship with organizations we don't have as much contact with and to give the chapter more hands on deck. The sweethearts helped every day during our Philanthropy Week, helped the candidate class feel welcomed, and have cooked a dinner one weekend every month for the men of our chapter. This program has proven to be a positive addition to Zeta Phi.

Love, honor, truth,
Joshua Dunn '26 (ZΦ1324), Commander



Brothers during recruitment.



Zeta Phi brothers assist the Midwest Food Bank in packaging boxes for delivery.

An Update on The Campaign for Sigma Nu

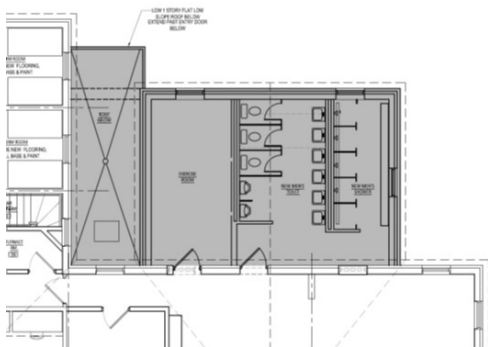
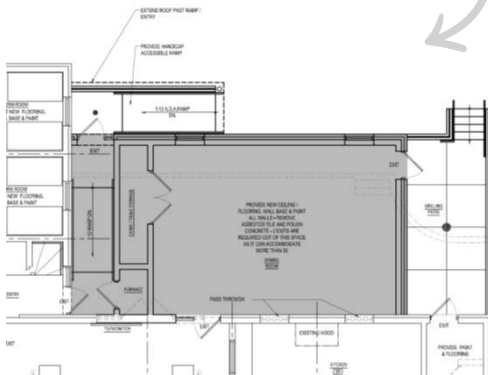
Give Before August 31, 2025,
to Be Included

The Campaign for Sigma Nu is completing its last year of active fundraising to complete Phase III of the renovation of the fraternity house at Bradley. Contributions received up to August 31, 2025, will be included, and all donors will have their names listed on a permanent plaque within the house.

To date, some \$1.2 million has been received toward the adjusted goal of \$1.95 million. **All current and new donors are encouraged to arrange for a year-end contribution**, which is tax deductible if made directly to Bradley University and designated for the Sigma Nu Campaign.

Details and a pledge form can be secured from Campaign Chairman **Gary Bergman '69 (ZΦ340)** at gbergman1@gmail.com or (631) 335-7050.

Blueprints!



THANK YOU, LOYAL DONORS

Thank you to the following donors who have given to *The Campaign for Sigma Nu*. Your support allows us to renovate our home, and we truly appreciate your contributions.

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Gary Bergman (ZΦ340)
Joe Palumbo (ZΦ418)
(Deceased)
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(Deceased)
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Larry King (ZΦ0266)
John Kouns (ZΦ419)
George Nicholaou (ZΦ182)
Willie Parker (ZΦ299)
(Deceased)
John Rowe (ZΦ195)
Don Wayman (ZΦ235)
(Deceased)
Walter Wollinik (ZΦ252)

\$100 and Under

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Milo Arias '28 | Chicago, Ill.
Jakeb Chanthaboury '27 | Romeoville, Ill.
Joshua Delos Reyes '28 | Frankfort, Ill.
Trevor Frey '28 | Lake in the Hills, Ill.
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Tristan Melton '28 | St. Charles, Ill.
Aaron Olivar Diaz '28 | Lansing, Ill.
Donovan Rivera '28 | Lansing, Ill.
Alex Ryia '28 | German Valley, Ill.
Niko Valenzuela '28 | Forreston, Ill.

ALUMNI NEWS

Gary B. Colboth '58 (ZΦ67) shares that after Bradley, he attended the University of Pittsburgh, became an Army officer, attended Northwestern Law, worked as a city manager, and worked as a labor lawyer in Chicago and Los Angeles. He also worked as a university administrator and professor emeritus, retiring in 1999. He enjoys golf, foreign travel, and daily gym workouts. Gary resides in Long Beach, Calif. Email: gary.colboth@csulb.edu

Joe E. Zgonina '65 (ZΦ284) provides expert engineering testimony on litigation cases pertaining to accident reconstruction, construction defect matters, zoning, and condemnation cases. He is actively involved with Bradley athletics and contributing to the construction of the Bradley Sigma Nu house. Joe has published various articles about engineering litigation matters. He resides in Skokie, Ill. Email: jez@marchris.net

Rich J. Heneberry '71 (ZΦ345) continues to consult for project and non-profit organizations in the Chicago area. He enjoys traveling to World Heritage Sites, savoring his time with all nine grandchildren, reaping the benefits of his cabin up north, and playing golf and pickleball. Rich resides in Lake Villa, Ill. Email: rheneberry49@gmail.com

Randy S. Smith '73 (ZΦ385) continues to work as a court guardian, conservator, and

trustee at age 73. He was sorry to hear about the passing of **Joe Palumbo '74 (ZΦ418)** and that he could not attend Joe's summer party last year. Randy spends time with **Jimmy Yoshinaga '74 (ZΦ424)** in Colorado, hikes mountains, fishes, walks and plays with his lab, and gets together with friends from Illinois who went to NIU. He has five girls who are married and reside in Colorado, Kansas, South Carolina, and Japan. He also has six grandkids. "Congrats on how well Sigma Nu is doing there at Bradley." Randy resides in Lakewood, Colo. Email: rsmith@rsmithinc.net

Patrick Baikauskas '74 (ZΦ407) is a Roman Catholic priest residing in St. Louis, Mo. He serves at Aquinas Institute and Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish. Email: patrickop@gmail.com

Phil S. Rosenberg '81 (ZΦ517) resides in Carlsbad, Calif., and is grateful to be still standing! Email: psrosenberg@roadrunner.com

Marc A. Isaac '89 (ZΦ650) hopes all is well at 1300 Fredonia. "The memories that you make in college will last a lifetime, so enjoy this time of your lives. My advice to you is to go out and participate and to treat others as you would like to be treated." Marc lives in Seattle, Wash. Email: marc_isaac@hotmail.com

John J. Heneberry '11 (ZΦ1091) resides in Fox River Grove, Ill., and is enjoying family life, traveling, golfing, fishing, and savoring the beauty of the north with his family. Email: jheneberry7@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS TYLER PIESTER!

Our December Graduate

Tyler Piester '24 (ZΦ1323) is a political science major with a minor in history. He plans on going to Arizona for a master's in sports journalism. In his time at Sigma Nu, Tyler served as brotherhood chairman and was involved in multiple committees. His time with us was short, as he came to Bradley and joined as a junior, but he has done nothing but add value and humorous times to our brotherhood.

Chapter Eternal

This summer, Sigma Nu lost three of our great fraternity brothers: **Jim Bixby '64 (ZΦ0254)**, **Richard Nitto '66 (ZΦ0262)**, and **Joseph Palumbo '74 (ZΦ0418)**. All three made contributions to the fraternity as pledges, actives and, later, as loyal alumni. They will be remembered for their never-ending support of Bradley and Sigma Nu.

❖ **Jim Bixby '64 (ZΦ254)**
For the past 50 years, Jim served in many roles, including advisor, teacher, counselor, educator, and long-standing member of the building corporation. He provided constant leadership, support, and assistance for Sigma Nu and spent many, many hours at the house assisting pledges and actives alike.

Jim worked for almost 30 years as the college counselor at Peoria Manual High School and was the coordinator of admissions for the

United States Military Academy at West Point. He was recognized several times through commendations and awards from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps for his recruitment efforts.

Jim is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, 10 grandchildren, and many loving cousins.

❖ **Richard Nitto '66 (ZΦ262)**
Dick, originally from New Jersey, fell in love with the Midwest, Bradley, and Sigma Nu. His accomplishments at Bradley and later in life are most impressive. Upon graduation, he secured a position at Caterpillar Tractor and had a 33-year career serving in many countries, including Ireland and Australia.

While at Bradley, Dick immersed himself in activities, including as student body president and the first president of the Missouri Valley Student Government Association. He stayed involved after graduation as a member of the Sigma Nu Building Corporation for many years and as president of the Bradley University National Alumni Association.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Trish," and his two sons, Ryan (Keri) of Wall, N.J., and Reed (Melanie) of Birmingham, Ala., as well as many nephews, nieces, and three grandchildren.

❖ **Joseph Palumbo '74 (ZΦ418)**
Joe graduated from Holy Cross High School. When he entered Bradley, he became an active and popular member of Sigma Nu, participating in many house functions, including athletic and social events. He held several offices, including commander of the fraternity.

Following his graduation from Bradley, Joe went on to lead a very successful and productive life as a business owner and developer. He is remembered as a visionary and builder, both in his personal and professional life. He loved music and enjoyed hosting his beloved friends, family, and Sigma Nu brothers. His generous heart is remembered by all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Christina, Terra, Irene, Patricia, Peter, Joseph, and Jenna; and his brother, Sam.

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GIVE TO ZETA PHI

The Campaign for Sigma Nu is still happening, and there is still time to make a gift in 2024! Visit bradleysigmanu.org or scan the QR code to give today. Thank you for your commitment to Zeta Phi Chapter.

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SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ZETA PHI

Chuck Weyhenmeyer '69 on Campaign Support, Building Corporation Involvement

As an undergraduate, **Chuck Weyhenmeyer '69 (ZΦ322)** enjoyed his Sigma Nu years in a house that was still fairly new at the time. Building Corporation involvement kept Chuck aware of the state of the chapter house beyond his college years, and he is grateful to support Zeta Phi Chapter's current renovation campaign so undergraduates can enjoy modern amenities.

Personal Development

Chuck received several bids during recruitment, and Zeta Phi Chapter was the most attractive option due to the impressive membership and competitiveness in intramural sports. Upperclassmen set an example of leadership within the house, which compelled Chuck to pursue positions in student senate and political clubs.

After graduation, Chuck began a master's degree in public administration before three years of active duty in the U.S. Army. Upon returning to the University of Illinois Springfield, he finished his degree and went on to work in three state government agencies. Chuck spent 25 years leading and managing information systems development projects for the Department of Revenue while serving 24 years in the Army and Army Reserve before retiring as a Colonel in 1994.

Helping the House

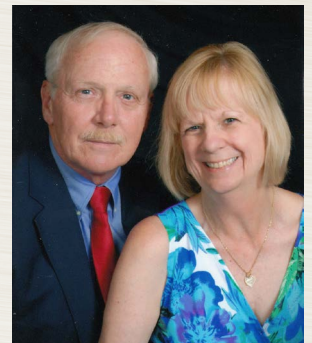
When Chuck and his wife attended an alumni event in 1994, he approached **Jim Bixby '64 (ZΦ254)** about opportunities to help the Building Corporation. That began 30 years of service to Zeta Phi, including multiple years as Building Corporation president.

"What we had done over years were several small upgrades. After 50 years, it was time to do something major, as the mechanical systems were beyond their life expectancy," Chuck said. The chapter's renovation campaign is a way to maintain the original structure of the house while providing safe and comfortable accommodations for today's members.

"As alumni, we need to provide the same opportunity that we had as members of Zeta Phi."

Chuck sees campaign support as a way to preserve Zeta Phi Chapter while ensuring a strong future, and he urges fellow alumni to stop by the house while supporting Phase III

fundraising. Renovation progress has elevated Zeta Phi as a premier chapter house at Bradley University, benefiting recruitment efforts amongst a smaller freshman class.



Chuck and his wife, Diana.

"We have a solid, quality group who has had a great GPA and is once again in the running to be a Rock Chapter. I think this reflects well on the leadership of the alumni advisory board and the commitment of former faculty adviser Shelly Peters and current advisor Colleen Splitter."

Chuck wants to thank Jim Bixby, **Gary Bergman '69 (ZΦ340)**, **AJ Brown '06 (ZΦ1012)**, and **Wes Zobrist '06 (ZΦ1023)** for their tremendous campaign support. You can discuss the renovation campaign with Chuck at weyhen@att.net.