



OUR NEXT 100 YEARS: *Building the Future for Chi Zeta*

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Are You among the 1,083 That Have Yet to Give?

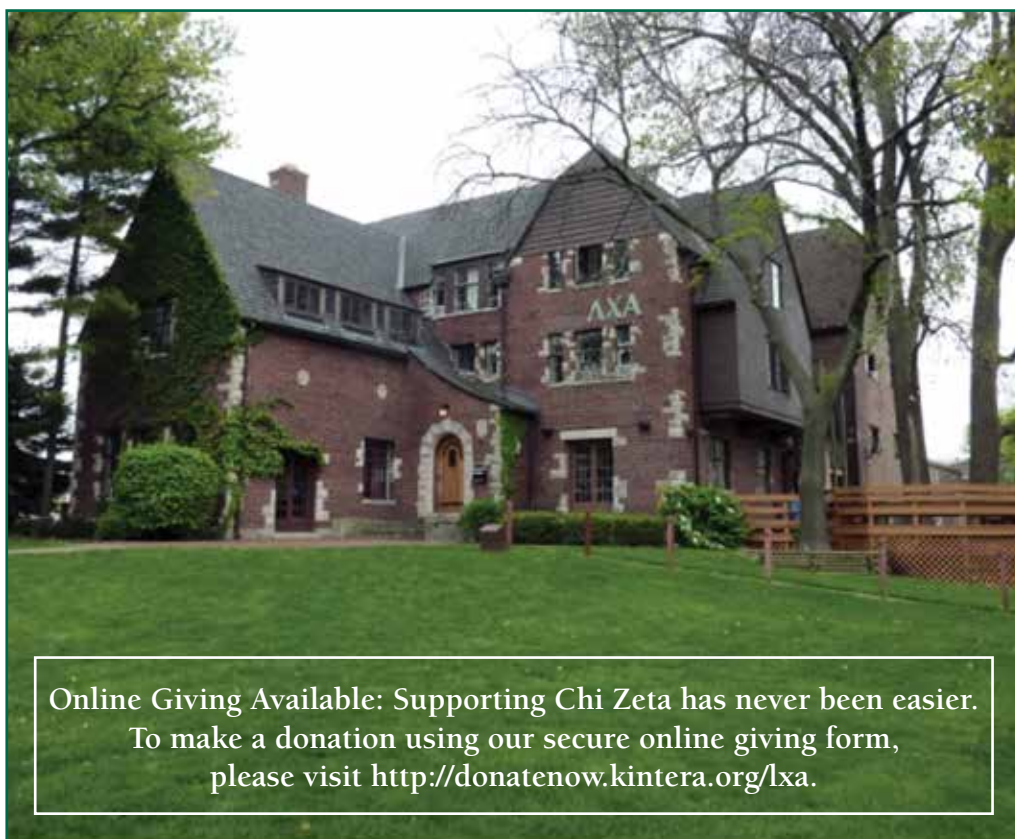
Just a few weeks ago, more than 120 Chi Zeta brothers attended the Old House Reunion and Auction. Throughout the weekend of events, brothers had a chance to reminisce with one another, reconnect with those they hadn't seen in many years, and bid on numerous auction items in support of the *Our Next 100 Years: Building the Future for Chi Zeta* campaign.

Throughout the weekend, I was constantly reminded of what our brotherhood is all about. **It doesn't matter if two weeks or 20 years have gone by since I've last seen my Chi Zeta brothers; because when we are all together, things pick up right where we left off.**

That's one of the many reasons I am so passionate about this capital campaign. It is truly a testament that Lambda Chi Alpha is a Lifetime of True Brotherhood. More than 135 Chi Zeta brothers have given back to our campaign efforts because they truly believe that Lambda Chi Alpha is worth the investment.

But our work is not yet complete! In order to meet our \$2.15 million fundraising goal, we need broader support from the 1,083 Chi Zetas who have yet to contribute to our campaign. To date, only 11.10% of brothers have given back to the campaign, while the average participation among Greek chapters completing this type of project is around 25%.

If you are one of the 1,083 brothers who have yet to give back to the campaign, now is the time! We need your support for this once-in-a-lifetime project now more than ever before. Pledges can be spread over a five-year period, and reminders will be sent to you. You can also make a pledge online at <http://donatenow.kintera.org/lxa> and the payments can be deducted directly from your account. **It's that easy!**



Online Giving Available: Supporting Chi Zeta has never been easier. To make a donation using our secure online giving form, please visit <http://donatenow.kintera.org/lxa>.

If you have given back to the campaign for Chi Zeta, I want to thank you. I am truly thankful that you have made an investment in the future of our fraternity and have shown your commitment to our Lifetime of True Brotherhood. But we still need your support. Please help us by reaching out to brothers in your Chi century who have yet to contribute and encourage them to pledge their support today!

It is imperative that we meet our fundraising goal as quickly as possible to ensure financing from the bank for our project so we can get

started on construction. As I'm sure you know, construction costs continue to rise each day. It is important we secure the remaining funds to keep these costs low.

Thank you for your support of Lambda Chi Alpha. I am proud to call you my brother!

In ZAX,
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TO THE LAST 88 YEARS: OUR OLD CHAPTER HOUSE

By John Stirniman '76 X1033



"Please, not a big box!" That was my first thought when I heard we needed to rebuild. My first view of Chi Zeta, the building, was during high school recruitment. With a long lawn, curved walk, and beautiful front façade, it was definitely not a big box. Our founding alumni built one of the most graceful and inviting structures on campus. However, on closer inspection, our old house reveals a patchwork of scars, wear, and repairs—the physical evidence of age and hard fraternity life.

Most of my Lambda Chi memories include the house, either as the backdrop or occasionally as the lead actor. As a freshman, our pledge party theme was a square dance, including bales of hay for decoration. Eventually the bales broke open, and around 1 a.m. the hay fight began. It

engulfed the formal room and spread to all floors. By morning, the hay had been ground into small flecks and covered every surface of the house.

My sophomore year, prior to walkout, the pledges filled the house with yellow chad from computer punch cards. A clever prank, but a nightmare to clean up. I remember thinking, "How many loose chad fit into this garbage bag? Half million? Five million?" For each million I gathered, thousands would squeeze into every nook, cranny, and crack larger than the thickness of paper. For my next four years in the house, it was impossible to clean or move anything without finding hay and yellow chad.

Unfortunately, our old house must come down. Physical evidence of our college lives will be destroyed with the building, including the cracked tile in the drying area of the second-



Dale Miller '73 X985, John Crook '72 X980, John Stirniman '76 X1033, and Brian Parkinson '76 X1035 building the AXA sign at the front of the chapter house. John Stirniman was the designer and coordinator for construction of the sign as an associate member class gift for the class of 1979.

floor shower, where a brother and I dropped a heavy object. Or my share of damage to the third-floor hall that served as the playing field for every inventive game one can imagine. My
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dirty handprints in the arch, where our collective grime is preserved each year under a new layer of paint. Our arch stores a DNA repository of every Chi Zeta brother. When the building is leveled, I'm sorry to know that the remaining hay and chads that have eluded cleanup for 40 years will be hauled away with the rubble.

I shouldn't have worried about a "big box" replacement. The new house retains the long lawn, curved walk, and beautiful front façade. And it's well designed for the rigors of fraternity life.

Having purchased, maintained, and built my own homes, I now have better respect for my college home. The founding alumni didn't know you or me when they built Chi Zeta, but we took great advantage of the home they provided. I can now pay reparations for the share of damage and wear I inflicted on our old house, and show my appreciation to the founding alumni with a new home for thousands, most yet to be born.

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THANK YOU, GENEROUS BROTHERS AND FRIENDS, FOR COMMITTING \$1,718,698

We are deeply grateful to the 142 brothers and friends who have contributed \$1.7 million to *Our Next 100 Years: Building the Future for Chi Zeta*. These individuals recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Chi Zeta and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal of \$2.15 million.

All donors contributing a minimum of \$2,500 to the campaign will be recognized on a plaque prominently displayed in the chapter house. If an error has been made in recording your gift, or your name has been mistakenly omitted or listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please contact our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661 with any corrections.

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Bradford W. Dickson '74 X1009
Joseph P. Nolan '83 X1178
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Art R. Turpel Jr. '69 X920
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Earl W. Simmons '74 X996
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Richard Tabaka '77 X1064
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Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of September 15, 2015

\$2.15 Million
Campaign Goal

\$1,718,698
Total Contributed

142
Total Contributors

1,225
Mailable Alumni

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