



Zeta Owl



Letter From The Editor

I'd like to begin by apologizing for our lack of communication with all of you. We would very much like to improve alumni relations and we are beginning to take steps in the right direction. This Zeta Owl is a report of things that have been happening over the last year or so. We plan on sending out many more Zeta Owls and more often. We would like all of you to bare with us as we work towards better alumni relations. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me.

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Sage Report

Alumni of Sigma Pi:

My name is Brad Wolodkiewicz and I am the new sage of Zeta Chapter. I am a third year pharmacy student from Beavercreek, OH. First I want to start off by saying I hope many of you were able to make it back to Ohio Northern for Homecoming and stopped by the house. We are always eager to see alumni and hear all the things they have to say about the past and how you feel we are doing now in the house now.

As far as the current situation of the house is going, I am proud to say that we recently initiated 13 new brothers, one of the highest pledge class numbers on campus, and we hope to make a repeat of that with the upcoming spring pledge class. We have also been working very hard on house improvements. From new carpet in the formal room, to fixing up the library and brothers' room, the house is looking better and better with every project we do. We are now looking into putting a much needed new roof on the house this summer. We have also been extremely successful in fall and winter intramurals. As far as philanthropy goes, we raised the most money on campus last year out of any organization and are well on our way to doing the same this year. Just recently this past fall we held a concert for breast cancer in the back yard of the house and raised a considerable amount of money. The Eastern Kentucky Sigma Pi chapter is holding their

annual softball tournament this April 23rd. The house is registering two teams for both alumni and active brothers so I hope to see as many of you as there can be to help us defend our championship that we earned there last year.

We have a lot of great brothers in the house now who are working hard to make Sigma Pi Zeta Chapter the best fraternity it can be. Please don't ever hesitate to stop by, drop an e-mail, or just call and talk to someone. Hope to hear from all of you soon over the next year.

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Sigma Pi Zeta Chapter Rush Fall 2004

I am pleased to report that we had a very successful rush this past fall. It was an exciting five weeks filled with events in which we were able to meet and get to know some great potential new members. We had a great time watching Sunday and Monday Night Football with the guys as well as inviting some of them to play with us for Intramural Flag Football. We also tried something new this year. We combined a rush event with a philanthropy event by having the First Annual Sigma Pi "Breastfest." It consisted of an outdoor concert held in our backyard as a fund-raiser to support breast cancer research.

With fall rush and pledging having ended I am happy to report that we now have 13 awesome new brothers. I am working with them a lot now as spring rush has now commenced. We have plans to have a movies night and a Super Bowl party in the near future so that hopefully we can have a spring class as great as the class we recently put through.

Monte Paschal
Rush Chairman

Philanthropy Article

Last year we continued a long tradition of community service. We had many events that allowed us to raise more money than any other campus organization, by more than two thousand dollars. Through our annual "By-A-Pi" and "Skip-A-Meal" fundraises the house raised over six thousand dollars. We also donated money to various organizations last year such as, Global Village Café, Girl Scouts, and the Susan G. Woman foundation. This year we are off to a great start with our first annual outdoor concert "Breast Fest", which raised over three hundred dollars for breast cancer research. This years "Skip-A-Meal" took place in December, and all proceeds went to Habitat for

Humanity. "Buy-A-Pi" is tentatively scheduled for sometime in January. During this years Homecoming weekend I had the opportunity to share ideas with some of our alumni and from this I hope to have a new fundraiser in the spring which will raise more money than last year. Thank you for the suggestions and feel free to e-mail me anytime with new ideas,

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House Improvements

"You know guys; the house gets older every year." That is a quote from our worthy past Treasurer. As simple minded as his thoughts might be he is correct and a byproduct of getting older is more things tend to fall apart. In the past couple years all of the brothers in a joint effort have been working hard to give our beloved house a much needed face lift.

The first project we decided to dive into was the revitalization of the library. Before undertaking this project, the library served as bike and couch storage. So we cleared it out, torn down the hole infested, bowing paneling, and started construction. We first put up dry drywall, painted it a light brown, and complemented it with white trim at top and bottom border, and around the door and windows. The next big step in this project was to sand down the floor, stain it and put polyurethane on it. This was a tedious job, but the final project was well worth it. Now the library is a great study area that is composed of a new computer desk area with internet hook ups along with the old wooden table which has also had the table top sanded, stained and polyurethane. This project took a long time to complete since guys could only work on it in their spare time, but the final project is a sight to see.

The next major projected was the Brothers' room. Before starting this project the room smelled bad, had paneling falling off the walls, and was lit up but dim depressing lighting. We started by tearing down the paneling, ripping out the carpet, and taking out the lights. New florescent lights were then installed; these made the room look much better. Then we scraped the glue off of the drywall where the paneling was. After that we had to mud over all the parts of the drywall that had glue on it, as well as patching holes in the drywall. Once the walls were patched and smooth, we then primed and painted the walls an off white. With the walls finished, we moved on to the floor. We spent days scraping the glue from the carpet off the floor, but once that was smooth we laid vinyl tile down. The tiles used was a bluish grey color with a white boarder and our Greek letters Sigma Pi placed in the center of the floor in white tiles. Then the final touches included painting the trim, putting in an air conditioner and dry walling over the rest of the window. The room now serves as a TV lounge and our poker playing room. This project took two months in the summer to complete, but it was time well spent.

Our most expensive projects consist of over \$6,500 to get our fire system fixed, which might have been expensive, but we can now sleep soundly at night knowing that we have a fully functioning fire system keeping us safe. We also dished out \$1,500 for new carpet in the formal room (this price includes installation). We were able to get the carpet cheaper because we picked up the carpet, and did the prep work for installation. The formal room now looks “formal” again. It was a great sight watching the old faded, smelly, stain covered carpet get torn up and hauled out.

Other miscellaneous projects that have been done to improve the house include a new bar top on the third floor bar, new refrigerator in the basement along with two air conditioners to keep the basement cool. Regular upkeep consists of new doors for rooms, door closures, new windows, fixing plumbing and heating, repair and replacing washers and dryers, patching walls, fixing tiles, and a new flag.

We are now in the process of running new internet cable through the house. With our new internet hub and new cable we will finally be up to speed with the rest of campus. In the near future we plan to repair the walls in the basement and fix the holes in the roof. These projects, like the rest of the projects, are expensive so we can only do them when our funds allow us to.

We have done a lot to improve the condition of the house, but there is still a lot more to be done. I encourage all alumni to visit the house and give us your input. I really want you to see what our hard work has accomplished and show you that we have as much love for this house as those who came before us.

Garret Foley
Herald