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## **IN MEMORY**

Since publication of our last newsletter, we have learned of the deaths of the following brothers:

Thomas Mulbarger '46 Charles Porterfield '46 (12/27/08) Roger Snodgrass '51 (10/24/08) Robert Solt Jr. '53 (7/15/09) Dwight Teegardin '62 (9/21/09)

#### **Chapter News**

Congratulations to the active chapter for achieving a 3.08 GPA for the spring 2009 semester! This ranks them 13<sup>th</sup> out of 31 IFC fraternities. The chapter's cumulative GPA is 3.11.

Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

# BUCKEYE PHI

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## **CHAPTER REPORT**

#### **Ohio Zeta Gets a Facelift**

#### Actives and Alumni Work to Make Improvements at the House

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"One Man is No Man." I know this quote looks strikingly familiar and resonates much deeper than just something you knew a long time ago. I believe that as you read this letter you will be thinking back to your own Phi Delt experiences. My hope is that although we are separated by distance, the house on the hill and the bond we share will bring us together.

For those of you that may have visited Ohio Zeta over the past few years it has been obvious that the condition of the house has been deteriorating. Together the current Executive Board and House Corporation, led by **Scott Armstrong '85**, have made a commitment to revive Ohio Zeta. This project started simple enough with landscaping of the parking lot. From there, Arnie gave us the opportunity to paint the house. The active chapter jumped at the opportunity.



In September, Chris Duger '96 arrived at 7 a.m. in his oversized F-350 with paint, rollers, a power-washer, lift, and ladders. He offered us a smile, a couple words of wisdom, and a "this is the on switch" lesson on the lift. As foreman, our current Vice President and Treasurer Ben Hoperich took the reins and the power-washing began. Over the next five days the active chapter of Ohio Zeta power-washed, caulked, primed, and painted the house. The fort is now brilliant white, with accents of "Grey Matters" and "Dignity Blue." The Phi Delta Theta letters on the front of the house are painted blue to match the door, frame, and shutters. The final touches were finished that Sunday with the addition of the American, Ohio, Ohio State,



and Phi Delta Theta Flags hung on the pillars designed to hold up the house.

I would like to send a special thank you to Chris Duger, Scott Armstrong, ICC Safety, Ben Hoperich, Cortland Shaffer, and every active member that took their his to make this portion of the house improvement happen. Chris especially deserves recognition for his devotion to this project. Every day that week Chris was there at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to check on our progress and make sure we had all the tools to be successful.

#### What's Next

This is not the end to the house improvement project. Next on the list, the active members will be painting the walls and replacing carpet in the hallways. The projects will continue with new bedroom doors and revamped bathrooms. It is my ultimate goal for the final project to be a complete remodel of the front room.

See more pictures of the recent upgrades at www.ohiozeta.com.

## **ANNUAL FUND**

## **Your Gift Keeps our Alumni Relations Program Going!**

We all know that alumni donations are utilized primarily for publication of *The Buckeye Phi* (thanks to our alumni contributors!). But did you know that once we meet our newsletter publication goal, all additional donations go directly to the active chapter?

Help us to continue our communications program and show your support of the active chapter by making a gift to the 2009-10 annual fund, which began September 1. To

date, we have raised \$4,074. Once we reach our \$15,500 newsletter goal, all additional donations will support the undergraduate chapter.

See the enclosed form for more information on how to donate and to see a list of our 2009-10 contributors. Thank you for your continued support!

#### 2009-10 Annual Fund

2009-10 GOAL **\$15,500** 

2009-10 Year to date **\$4.074** 

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## **HONOR ROLL OF DONORS**

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The following alumni have contributed so far to the 2009-10 annual fund, which began September 1...

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## **FROM THE ARCHIVES**

# BACK IN 1975...

Nothing says the seventies like big hair and mustaches. We especially love them on these brothers in 1975. In this photo, undergraduate brothers show off their intramural soccer trophy.

We want to feature more great pictures from throughout our chapter's history in The Buckeye Phi and our monthly eLetter. Send the best shots from your era to us for possible publication.

You can send your submissions to us using the enclosed form and envelope, or email them to alumninews@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Delt at OSU).



## **ALUMNI UPDATES**

## '60s

#### Antal "Tony" Zaborszki '67

(4800 Whitesburg Dr., Ste. 30-148, Hunstville, AL 35802; tonyzab@aol.com) I have been living in Owens Cross Roads, Alabama for the past 16 years and enjoying the laid-back lifestyle. My daughter is just graduating from high school and will be going to Alabama. I couldn't convince her to go to Ohio State. She says its way too big! I have a small ranch with some horses that my daughter rides competitively. Lot of fun to watch, but also a lot of work. I have a business that makes and sells Wear Resistant Liners made of Polyurethane, Rubber, or Ceramic to the Rock Quarry Industry and Gold Mines. Its a fun business and have always enjoyed its challenges. My wife Kathy has an Interior Design business that she has been involved

with for the past 12 years. She's always doing something to the house. I never know what change I'll find when I return from business trips.

## '70s

#### Kelly McKnight '72

(1633 Windsor Pl., Louisville, KY 40204; kelly@viastudio.com) My daughter, Maureen McKnight, married Scott Howe Jr. on September 26. Both are graduates of the University of Louisville and to learn more, go to www.moandscotty.com. Fraternity brother Tom Grubs (1406) was Maureen's godfather and was the cross bearer in the ceremony. John Eagles, a 1973 graduate of OSU and president of the OSU Alumni Club of Kentucky, played the bagpipes. Kelly and his wife Ellen live in Louisville and have been

married 34 years. Kelly is president/CEO of VIA Internet Studio and VP/Marketing of Geothermal Affordability Partners. Ellen is Director of Development for the Kentucky Museum of Arts & Crafts. Their son, JK, is founder and runs The Forecastle Festival (www.forecastlefest.com).

#### What's New with You?

Send your updates, memories, stories and photos for possible publication in our next newsletter using the enclosed form and envelope, or by emailing alumninews @affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Delt at OSU).

## IN THE WORDS OF OUR ALUMNI

#### **How Has Phi Delt Influenced You?**

The Phi Delt experience doesn't end at graduation, and these brothers prove how strong the Ohio Zeta spirit can live on in our alumni years. For many of us, the fraternity has had an influence on our lives that has lasted long since graduation. Here, several alumni share the ways that Phi Delt has had an influence on them.

Jack E. Weaver '50: "It taught me to understand different points of view and listen to people with whom I might disagree."

James L. Phipps '72: "As an officer (president of Ohio Zeta), I received on-the-job management training as well as learning how to deal with diverse personalities." James added, "12 guys came down to OSU from my

How has Phi Delt influenced you? Let us know on the message boards at www.ohiozeta.com!

high school. Eleven of them pledged DTD, I chose PDT."

John T. Cochran '76: "Learned to get along and coexist with others. For a few years, I enjoyed my close friends at Phi Delta Theta where we shared many life adventures including cheering for the mighty OSU football when we had Woody Hayes at the helm. 'Go Bucks!" John went on to say that the fraternity did have a role in him eventually getting together with his wife. "I'd first ran into her at one of my OSU drawing classes,t then three months later was invited on a blind date with her through one of my fraternity brothers. The rest is history."

Keith Allan Davis '76: "I was a two-term president. Encountering the issues we had in the house prepared me to work more effectively with diverse groups within my company." Keith also said that a number of his children decided to go Greek as well. "I have a son who was rush chairman and president of Indiana Theta (Purdue). I have an older son that joined Acacia at OU and a daughter who is a Pi Phi at UK."

Timothy R. Wright '81: "[Phi Delta Theta] provided me with essential leadership skills, the ability to influence others positively, build relationships and to have a central organizing set of values to guide decision-making. The person I'm today has been profoundly influenced by my Phi experience on Iuka Ave." Timothy added, "Carol Curtin introduced me to Phi Delta Theta. She was a Chi Omega at OSU. Her father was a Phi at Ohio Zeta. Carol and I have three daughters, two in college and both Chi Omegas."

Michael Bochnovich '07: "The fraternity gave me the skills and confidence I use in business everyday. I grew from a teenager to a man over the course of my stay at Phi Delt, and I learned that you are only as strong as your weakest link." Michael said he was initially attracted to the "culture and diversity of the house. From the first time I walked into 1942 Luka, I felt welcome and at home."

#### Send Us Your Email Address

#### WHAT?!? We're Missing Them for a Whopping 74% of You!

Having a high percentage of email addresses is a critical advantage to our alumni association. Why? It saves us money on paper and printing, it enables us to communicate with you more frequently, and it allows us to put you back in touch with long lost Phi Delt brothers.

We will never sell, trade or give away your

email address – ever. Your email address will be stored in our secure database and used solely for alumni communications.

So please update your email address today to stay informed on the latest news and activities from Ohio Zeta undergraduates and alumni. You'll also receive electronic reminders when we're getting ready to publish an issue of

The Buckeye Phi so that you can submit your latest news and photos for publication.

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## **ALUMNI IN THE NEWS**



## **The Great Pumpkin**

Bob Liggett and his wife, Joanna, hug over the pumpkin they call Queen Bess. The estimated weight was 1,839 pounds, which, if confirmed, means the gourd is headed for jack-o'-lantern fame. Bob already holds the record for the Circleville Pumpkin Show's (Circleville, OH) largest pumpkin, which was his 2007 entry weighing in at 1,524.5 pounds.

## **OSU FOOTBALL**

## **Buckeyes are Rose Bowl Bound**

After a close win over Iowa, the Buckeyes secured a Big 10 Championship and are headed to the Rose Bowl! Are you heading to Pasadena for the game? Planning to reconnect with other brothers? Share your plans for your trip on the message boards at www.ohiozeta.com.

The Ohio State Alumni Association is offering several great travel and gameday packages! Find a link at www.ohiozeta.com for much more information.

We want to see pictures from your Rose Bowl tailgates, as well as those from throughout the season! Share yours online, or email them to content@affinityconnection.com (mention Phi Delt at OSU).

