

the scarlet zete

Spring 2018



Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi at Rutgers University

Save the Date

Reunion Weekend

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

There will be a reorganization meeting at the house at 9:00 a.m.

Please stop by!

Delta Goes DIGITAL

The communications committee is pleased to announce that we've added a new way for you to keep up on all things Delta: a *new* digital version of *The Scarlet Zete*! It will be a monthly e-newsletter that will cover updates on the house, upcoming events, and other news related to the Delta Chapter, sent to your preferred email address. If you have not received this e-newsletter yet, please fill out the form at goo.gl/GLyVSX. This is a great way for you to stay informed and keep up with the latest Delta news.

Also available is the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi Facebook group page.
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In Flanders Fields
John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



A New Beginning

Brothers: first, I hope everyone had a great start of the new year. I know it's been a long time since the last *Scarlet Zete* (spring '12), but it's time to get back in the swing of things.

I want to explain what's been going on at 18 College Ave. It's been a challenging past four years, but we are making great progress toward returning to campus. If all goes according to plan, we will be putting our letters back up on the house this summer and will be starting rush this fall in preparation for our scheduled charter return in 2019. There have been numerous meetings with the International Fraternity and Rutgers University, both in person and via conference calls, getting ready for this. A lot of changes to the rush program have been recommended by the International Fraternity in the

interest of reducing risk and insurance premiums, and we will be following them 100 percent. None of this has been easy, but, with a great group of alumni who have stepped up in the past four years, a lot has been accomplished.

Now some information on the house itself: over the last four years, we have operated as a "boarding house" for college students. Yes, there have been members from other fraternities living there, because everyone wants to live in the best house on campus, even if it's just for a short time. During this time, there have been many great improvements to the physical plant. The Chapter Room has been completely gutted, and new insulation, electric materials, and sheetrock installed at a cost of \$35,000. We still need to restore

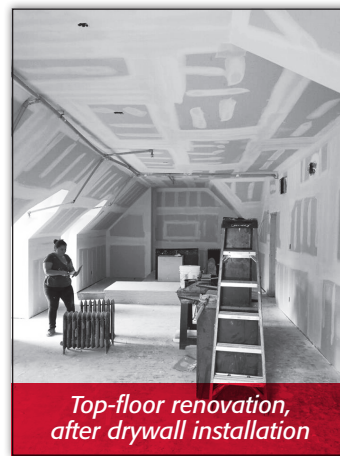
the Phi and Alpha Phi desks. The apartment has been totally redone at a cost of \$43,000, and that's with alumni volunteers donating all the demolition and painting. New windows were installed in most of the rooms on the second floor. At our fire inspection in August 2017, it was determined that our fire-alarm system was outdated and needed to be modernized at a cost of \$14,500. There have been many other upgrades/improvements, which you will read about in this newsletter. I wanted to highlight some of the major ones. As you are aware, it takes a lot of money to deal with all this, and I must thank six very generous donors: **Jim Terlizzi '86, Mark Fields '83, Tim Trankina '84, Joe Agresti '94, Ken Brodsky '87, and Tony Ventre '76.** I also want to thank all others who made donations of money and labor. Every little bit helps!

As some of you might know, New Brunswick did a total reevaluation of all properties in the city, and our taxes went up a whopping 65 percent. Our tax bill for Fiscal 2017–2018 went from \$26,426 to \$43,512. Unfortunately, this will have a severe impact on our future renovation budgets. I do hope that, after reading about the house and the renovations that have been completed to date, you will find it in your heart to make a donation, no matter how large or small, that will help us complete the renovations needed. These include, but are not limited to, redoing the wood floors on the main level, new carpet and furniture for the Bum Room, new carpet for the

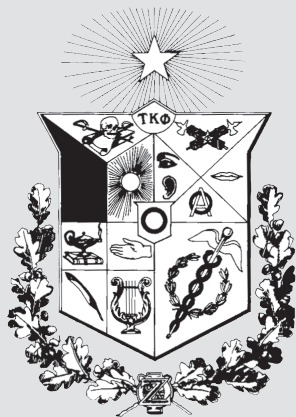
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*Top-floor renovation,
early in the process*



*Top-floor renovation,
after drywall installation*



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It's another way to stay in touch with your fellow Delta Zetes, share important topics, and much more. You can find it at goo.gl/tu1K2s or by logging into your Facebook account and searching for "Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi" (recommended approach).

If you have any questions about this or just want to reach out and say hello, our email address is zetapsi.deltachapter@gmail.com. It's important to us to include each and every one of you on this journey back to campus, and moving in this digital direction is one of the many ways we hope to do that. We look forward to having you as a part of our Delta Chapter digital community!

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Michael Chalhoub '03



Brothers Work to Restore the Chapter House

Over the past two years (mostly summers), a small group of alumni, undergraduates, friends, and family, led by **Mike Zevits '83** and me, have been working to restore our chapter house in preparation for the reinstallation of the Delta Chapter. Most of the undergrads that have assisted



Lower-level renovation

in this work have expressed interest in restarting the chapter when it is approved by IHQ, Rutgers, and the alumni board. Much of the work was helped along through generous gifts from **Jim Terlizzi '86** and **Mark Fields '83**.

We'd like to inform everyone about the projects that have been completed to this point:

The Apartment: Thus far, the biggest project completed has been the demolition and remodeling of the apartment. This work included new electrical wiring, insulation, walls, ceiling, windows, etc. We have found three young men to occupy this area.

Sports Lounge: We have rebuilt the old bar area, added tables, and three TVs to the basement. This area is now being used on a regular basis and has removed some of the social engagements previously held on the first floor. Additional TVs will be installed in the future when the tall tables are replaced with benches.

Fire Alarm System: The main fire-alarm system failed this past summer, and due to its age, we were unable to get replacement parts. The whole alarm system was out of date and had to be replaced. We hope that we will not need to worry about this again for at least another 10 or so years.

Main Stairs: The fire marshall/building inspectors came in and informed us that

the landing on the main stairs had to be replaced. This was done with new six-by-six posts, so the breakage that occurred in the past should not occur again.

Staircase Runners: These runners have been replaced with rug replacement planned in the future.

Second-Floor Women's Bathroom: We had to rebuild the toilet platform and replace the piping and toilets. New sinks and faucets were installed. We replaced the mirror as well. We also wanted to eliminate the possibility of damage to the cabinets, so we made the sink area free-standing.

Main Bathroom: The shower tile was recoated to reduce the amount of mold build-up. As with the other bathroom, the sink area was made free-standing.

Second-Floor Hallway Woodwork: The woodwork has been stained, and missing molding has been replaced. The walls in the hallways were also painted.

Third-Floor Outside Railing: This was replaced, along with the woodwork around the front dormers.

The Chapter Room: The room has been gutted, and the walls were replaced and painted. We are in the process of repairing the Phi and Alpha Phi desks, as well as replacing the door.

There have been innumerable other small projects that have also been worked on, and we invite all alumni and friends to come visit the house to see these improvements. Further improve-

ments are now being planned for the upcoming summer. Please let us know if you'd like to lend a hand!

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Don Broderick '71



Completed renovation



New windows on top floor

Time or Treasure: You Decide

During the summer of 2015, it became quite apparent the future of the Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi at 18 College Avenue was in serious doubt. During the preceding years, it was clear that the behavior of the active brotherhood was less and less controlled, which led to multiple lawsuits against our chapter, as well as Zeta Psi International. In 2014, this active brotherhood destroyed much of the interior of the house. Therefore, the alumni trustees voluntarily turned in our charter, Rutgers University took us off the list of recognized fraternities on campus, and the Zeta Psi International fraternity took it upon itself to suspend reconsideration of our charter reinstatement through 2019.

As a consequence of this picture, the alumni trustees convened a meeting of our brotherhood in July 2016 to consider formally whether the house at 18 College Avenue should be sold to a prospective buyer, who had offered to lease the house back to our organization should we ever return to campus. The debate at this meeting was intense between those in favor of a sale and those who opposed it. Regardless of which side of the argument the brothers found themselves, the common theme was the significance that our fraternity experience had on our lives and whether we would pass this on to future Rutgers Zetes.

The decision was made to regroup, reorganize, and go forward with a plan to salvage our fraternity, repair the structure, rent the house to student boarders, and implement a plan to eventually return to Rutgers. We adopted bylaws, elected a board of trustees, undertook significant physical renovations, and rented the house to students. Formal meetings were conducted with Rutgers officials and the International Fraternity so that we would be put on a formal track to return. With approvals from Rutgers University and the International Fraternity still pending, we are now targeting our first rush for the spring of 2019.

In spite of our forward progress, this reorganization effort has been implemented



Left to right: (front row) **Charles Jenny '83, Jim Gill '86, Joe Zevits, Conor Haligan, Bob Volosin '87;** (back row) **Tony Ventre '76, Mike Zevits '83, Nick Zevits, Jay Aryawansa, & Brendan Zevits**

by less than a dozen alumni brothers and has been funded in large part from generous donations by even fewer brothers. We are not satisfied with our progress and recognize that we need to take much larger steps forward and to do so through a consistent program to rebuild. For the effort to continue, we are calling upon our alumni brothers to donate in one of two categories: time or treasure.

I suggest that the time donation is as valuable as monetary donations, because we need participation. This does not mean coming to 18 College Avenue for once a month meetings or spending weekends doing repairs to the house. We are moving

our organization into more efficient means of communicating through emails, conference calls, and website communications. We need brothers to serve on the several committees, including the executive, nominating, finance, membership, and building committees, to serve as trustees, and ultimately to be mentors to a new group of undergraduate brothers. Living locally

in New Jersey is neither required nor critical. We have had brothers participating from as far away as Georgia, Indiana, California, and even South America. A time donation has long lasting value for our future. We do not underestimate its worth.

If time participation is not feasible, send donations of treasure: large, small, and in-between. The board of trustees is very careful in planning a budget, applying funds to repairs and improvements, and monitoring our student boarders. Balancing the budget has been

extremely challenging, with a physical plant that is dated and a municipality that increased the property taxes to over \$43,000 in annual assessments. Unexpected expenses, such as replacing the centralized alarm system, creates havoc for any budget and did so in 2017 with a \$14,500 bill.

The bottom line is we need more brothers to back our efforts. For those interested, please contact me through the email or telephone listed below. We have also in-



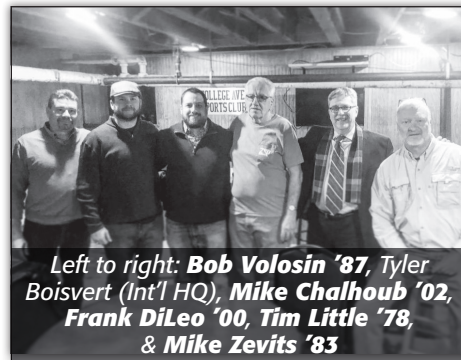
Alex Zevits & Jim Gill '86



Basement

cluded the names of our current trustees and their email contact information in the sidebar on page 2, if you wish to communicate with those brothers.

You might feel that now might not be the time for you to join us. If this is the case, please provide us with current contact information, particularly your email. Reestablishing your connections to your brotherhood will be a satisfying and beneficial experience for you and the Delta Chapter.



Left to right: **Bob Volosin '87, Tyler Boisvert (Int'l HQ), Mike Chalhoub '02, Frank DiLeo '00, Tim Little '78, & Mike Zevits '83**

In Tau Kappa Phi,
Tim Little '78, Trustee
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Help Us with the Small Composites and Trophy Case Projects

Whereas in the past, we've installed the large composites from recent classes in either the dining room or pool/card room, over time, other past-class composites have gone missing. What we would like to do is install the small composites of as many class years as possible in the second- and third-floor hallways. If you have one of those composites and are not using it or could make a copy of it, could you please send it to us? Please send to:

Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi
c/o Mike Zevits
34 Cheyenne Drive
Montville, NJ 07045

Another project we would like to work on this year is building a trophy case. To do this, we would need to have an idea of the sizes and number of trophies. We are aware that a few individuals have taken some of the trophies when they left the house, because we never had a case to hold them. Now that we are planning to build a case to house them, we would appreciate if anyone who has a trophy could return it to the above address as well. We would like to showcase our achievements as a chapter, and this would play a large role in doing that.

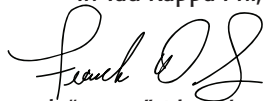
In Tau Kappa Phi,
Mike Zevits '83, Trustee

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second- and third-floor hallways, and another TV and tables for our Sports Lounge. I also urge you to check out our page on Facebook (Delta Chapter of Zeta Psi), and check out upcoming events. Please join us at our annual reorganization meeting on Saturday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. at the house. And I know it's a long way off, but save the date for the return of our charter, August 14–18, 2019, at the convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Enjoy the articles and pictures in this issue, and please consider making a donation.

In Tau Kappa Phi,



Frank "Bones" DiLeo '00

Alumni Board President; frankied@att.net;

deceased

We regret to announce the death of the following alumni, which we have learned of since the publication of the last Scarlet Zete.

Howard R. Raymond '37
April 1, 1982

Francis M. Flynn '43
July 16, 2013

Harry C. VanZandt '44
February 19, 2011

Middleton E. Head Jr. '45
June 3, 2012

Donald C. Dawkins '47
December 10, 2012

Franklyn A. Johnson '47
July 24, 2013

Robert S. Meyer '50
December 26, 2012

Richard C. Boylan '52
February 11, 2013

Gordon H. Greacen '52

John F. Schuck Jr. '52
February 20, 2014

Jesse I. Taylor Jr. '52
November 15, 2015

Rudolph S. Rasin '53
August 14, 2014

Joseph Edward Brown III '54
October 1, 2017

John J. Byrne III '54
March 7, 2013

John E. Sherman '54
March 20, 2008

Robert O. Fleckenstein '55
August 16, 2014

Paul J. Truscott '55
May 5, 2012

Alfred W. Mittlehner '56
March 21, 2015

Lawrence J. Larsen '57
October 30, 2012

S. Russell Powell Jr. '57
Howard A. Corson Jr. '61
May 24, 2009

F. Vinton Smith Jr. '62
April 17, 2010

Gregory M. Posta '63
December 10, 2011

Brian J. Rodgers '63
March 28, 2012

Lawrence Burr '66
April 28, 2008

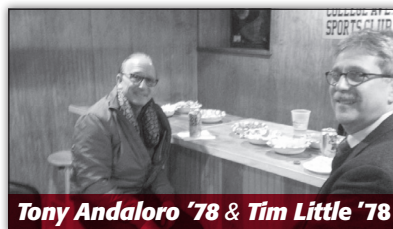
Arthur W. Raws Jr. '73

Allan D. Scott '76
August 7, 2009

Arthur Giordano '84
May 26, 2012

Doohee Cho '04
September 29, 2014

Scott Gelok '08
July 31, 2015



Tony Andaloro '78 & Tim Little '78



Top-floor renovation

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