

Consul's Corner

Worthy Brothers,

As 2020 winds down, I am happy to share that our chapter has made it through one of the most dynamic terms to date. Being that Spring 2020 semester was fully online, we came into the term with an NFI class that did an online pledging, an FI class that had only lived in for 1 term, and a full brotherhood that had not been on campus since the prior fall. Because of this, a heavy emphasis was put on maintaining the Zeta Theta B culture of excellence and self-improvement. Throughout the past three months, we experienced lots of success and had lots of learning opportunities, giving me confidence in the future of this chapter.

Fall 2020 semester was held in a hybrid format where some classes were online, and some were in person with a virtual option. Despite this, all brothers opting to live in originally continued to do so, resulting in 44 brothers in the house and another 6 nearby in off campus housing. With all the time on our hands, we got to working hard and playing harder. Some of my favorite highlights were the shelving units we made and installed in the garage to give floor space for a home gym where ~25 brothers lifted daily and our house wide basketball league to supplement intramurals. SCUUBA, or the Sigma Chi Underground Ultimate Basketball Association, encompassed a combine, draft, regular season, playoff, live stats, and a banquette with awards over the term. Brotherhood morale and personal health were a focal point and we greatly improved these areas over the past term.

Although we are the largest house on campus, we managed to make it through the term without a COVID-19 scare due to the discipline of our brothers and our COVID prevention plan. This same plan and screening/ traceability program developed by Zeta Theta B brothers was adopted by the next 3 largest fraternities on campus and one of the sororities.

Past that, we continue to lead Kettering through our involvement on campus. As of now, the Kettering Student Government President, a majority of KSG Operations Council, all KSG Finance Council, 2 KSG Senators, and 60% of IFC Executive Team are all Sigs. We are in great standing with the University and our brothers truly do make this place run.

COVID drastically affected recruitment this fall with the major hurdle being that potential new members were not allowed in the house. Additionally, all recruitment events had to be held outside and only third party, individually packaged food items could be given out. This recruitment season had no sunrise club, no late-night conversations around the OQ bar, and yet we adapted. Through some creativity with wedding hall tents, flags, Christmas lights, and a bunch of propane heaters, we were able

to meet the potential new members and find 18 young men that met the Jordan Standard. All 18 of them accepted their bids and we are excited for the future of each of them.

Looking forward, our focus is now on pledging and philanthropy. We are hopeful that we will be able to host in person pledging and some form of a Derby Days in the spring. Pledging and philanthropy are brotherhood-wide efforts and will be tackled with the same intensity, creativity, and quality level as recruitment this term. I am excited to see how we do in these categories with our Magister, Ben Cooper, and our Philanthropy Chairman, Donovan Hoffman, leading the way. We will be going into the term with 44 brothers, all eager to make a difference and better themselves through the system that is Sigma Chi Zeta Theta B. I have the utmost confidence in each one of our brothers to find success and to keep our chapter operating at the highest of levels.

Guard well,

Aaron Diamond Consul ('20 - '21)

Recruitment Update

As we head into winter work term, our organization should be proud of the challenges we've overcome this fall's recruitment. COVID-19 completely changed the playing field of recruitment and the house adapted effectively to these changes. Hosting outdoor only events and potential new members not being allowed in the chapter house both brought unique challenges to our term. Regardless, our events drew in great attendance and gave brothers a great platform to meet the potential new members. We even added a Sigma Chi Car Rally, which involved brothers and potential new members embarking on a car rally from the house to Frankenmuth, making scenic stops along the way. Utilizing our events, we were able to get to know and extend bids to 18 to potential new members this fall. By the end of the term, we received all 18 of those bids back. Going forward, we hope to build and grow these relationships through their engagement in our work term activities and events. Overall, Zeta Theta B once again ran the show in recruitment and utilized our strengths in adaptability to overcome the challenges of the term. We look forward to guiding our new bid acceptors journey through pledging led by Magister, Ben Cooper in the spring.

In Hoc,

Hayden Haran Recruitment Chair ('20-'21)

Philanthropy Update

The Philanthropy team has continued striving to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. This past September at our annual golf outing with the help of two of our chapter's alumni, Jacob Kaarto and Tyler Phillips, we were able to raise about \$6,000 for Huntsman Cancer Foundation. When we first returned to our school term this previous fall, due to the COVID conditions we were unable to have our annual Haunted House.

Our next event that we have planned for this new year is our work term event at TopGolf which is tentatively planned for March 7th. We are looking forward to seeing a large turn out for this event so be sure to put it on your calendar. Funds raised from this event plan to be around \$5,000 to \$6,000. As we progress into this coming Spring school term we will be continuing our efforts into revamping our chapter's Derby Days. Derby Days is going to be a week-long fundraiser which will be kicked-off with our first ever Flushing 5k Race. We will be making a big push to advertise for this event, not only in the local Flushing and Flint communities, but out further into the Swartz Creek, Grand Blanc, and perhaps even the Birch Run community. We will also be revamping a lot of the events during the week, including a Derby Darling Challenge for the sororities. Our team has so many ideas on ways to improve the awareness of our chapter's efforts during Derby Days in our local communities. Early projections for Derby Days appear to raise upwards of \$10,000 bringing our grand total for the year to around \$20,000. We are very excited to see how all these events play out this year.

Overall, our Philanthropy team is continuing to push for the 20k club and be one of the strongest teams this house has had in awhile. We will continue to strive for success for our individual chapter, fraternity as a whole, and for our goal to be the generation to end cancer.

Feel free to also contact us at philanthropy@ztsigs.org if you have any additional questions or comments revolving around the philanthropy workings of the chapter.

In Hoc,

Donovan Hoffman ('20-'21) Philanthropy Chair

Cory Mazure ('20-'21) Assistant Philanthropy Chair

Andrew Dixon ('20-'21) Assistant Philanthropy Chair

Project Manager Update

A successful Fall 2020 project weekend saw the clean up and organization of the garage and the completion of many other necessary projects. The addition of shelving and tool storage in the garage opened up much of the floor space and added extra storage space. The Addition gutters were cleaned of leaves and debris and benches were built for the firepit. In looking forward to the Spring 2021 project weekend, a few plans are already in the works. All bunks will be fitted with a small shelf and storage cubbies will be added to rooms where they are necessary. Moreover, cleaning up the house's front landscape will be a priority as many of the plants are looking quite weathered. We are looking forward to this upcoming term and are excited to see how we will be able to improve the house for ourselves and those that come after.

In Hoc,

Robert Harbert Project Manager ('20-'21)

Public Relations Update

While the past term had many challenges in terms of community service, it presented us with a few opportunities to expand into the Flushing community. Due to the lack of student volunteers during the week of the candle walk, we were able to assist with more events than normal. This included setting up the Christmas lights at Riview Park, helping with the Santa workshop, and helping to light the candles. This allowed us to develop positive relationships with the new coordinator of the Flushing Chambers of Commerce.

We are currently halfway through Peterson season and as a Brotherhood, we have 993 hours. Due to the strict Covid guidelines that were imposed most of the year, we lost about 400 hours of community service. To help make this back, I will be looking for events over the work term to help put us in a better position come Spring term. I believe that we can make up on lost hours come Spring term by incorporating more interesting events and increasing the number of events for Brothers to attend. Thank you to everyone's hard work during this time. If you have any opportunities for future events or leads, please let me know.

IHSV,

Wyatt Moser Public Relations Chair ('20-'21)

Scholarship Update

With mostly online classes again this term, the Zeta Theta B chapter members have made changes to accommodate and excel in this new platform of learning. The engagement in our studies could have easily suffered given our circumstances so study tables were held almost every week this past term. Instead of going to the school during this time, brothers studied around the house while nothing important or exciting was happening so that everyone could focus. Everyone had goals that they wanted to work on during the term and they recorded them. Then throughout the term we check in on how they were doing with these goals as well as their attitude towards school and their effort level in school among other things. I will continue to do this in the spring term, as it has been a guide and inspiration to see their growth. The hard work of our brothers paid off, we received a 3.4 house cumulative GPA, whereas the Greek average is 3.38 and non-Greek average is 3.36. Above all else, we are an academic establishment and as such we strive to uphold one another to a high academic standard and further our academic standing.

In Hoc,

Malachi Bergman Scholarship Chair ('20-'21)

Involvement Update

Involvement at the Zeta Theta B chapter of Sigma Chi is very important. Even with the Covid pandemic, there were still many active brothers staying involved the best they could for a total of 28 brothers involved in a club and or organization. Three brothers were involved in six and several more with five.

Habitat For Humanity

Doug Mulka Malachi Smith

Student Alumni Council

Aaron Diamond - Vice President Zac Geiser Doug Mulka Joe Schmit - President Nick Wever David Kavanagh

Operations Council

Aaron Diamond - Assistant Director Zac Geiser - Administrator Robert Harbert Ben Bokulich - Philanthropy Chair Cory Mazure

Finance Council

Hayden Haran - Director Charlie Harr Doug Mulka - Assistant Director Joe Schmit Nick Wever - Asset Manager Blase Haynes Mike Stublinsky - Asset Manager

Golf Club

Charlie Harr - President Nick Wever - Vice President

Society of Plastic Engineers

Ray Turner - President

Unit Buddies

Andrew Dixon
Branden Shugerts
Morgan Mitchell
Aaron Diamond
Aidan McMaster
Curtis Bartz
David Kavenagh
Cory Mazure

Institute of Industrial Engineers

Mason Campbell

Juggling Club

Malachi Smith Mason Campbell Keegan Rumph Mitchell Belka Donovan Hoffman

Aquaneers Club

Hayden Haran Trey Pehrson

Art Club

Joe Schmit Nick Wever Robert Harbert Ray Turner

DECA

Morgan Mitchell - Treasurer Nick Wever Wyatt Moser

Disc Golf Club

Mitchell Belka

FIRST Alumni Association Kettering

Charlie Harr Aaron Diamond

Formula SAE

Trey Pehrson Nick Wever Robert Harbert

Hockey Club

Joe Schmit

International Fraternity Council

Donovan Hoffman Charlie Harr Ben Bukolich Michael Stublinsky Malachi Smith

Student Senate

Morgan Mitchell - Rep Curtis Bartz - President Stephen Kurapati - Rep Malachi Smith - Rep

Pride Alliance

Morgan Mitchell - Treasurer

SAGE

Joe Schmit

Welding Club

Trey Pehrson

Curtis Bartz Robert Harbert - President

NSBE

Keegan Rumph

Kappa Mu Epsilon

Donovan Hoffman

<u>Pi Tau Sigma</u> Donovan Hoffman

Alpha Chi Sigma Clint Kopec Hayden Haran

Gamma Sigma Alpha
Donovan Hoffman - President

Graduating Seniors

This past term the world was greeted by 6 outstanding Gentlemen. Each of these men carry with them the passion and drive towards success that I hope all underclassmen strive to hold. The pandemic quarantine allowed us to all enjoy their company, the amount of memories that they left at the house will truly live on forever. From all the past and present brothers of Sigma Chi, we congratulate them on their success and hope that they continue to succeed in the future. Always remember where your home is and don't ever forget to visit whenever you get the chance.

Ryan Grifka

Full Time Employee: General Motors

Job Title: TRACK Engineer

Location: Milford, MI

Degree: BSME

Austin Waldrop

Full Time Employee: To be determined

Job Title: To be determined

Location: Clarkston, MI

Degree: BSIE





Lukas Swartzmiller

Full Time Employee: To be determined

Job Title: To be determined

Location: Batavia, IL

Degree: BSME



Michael Schena

Full Time Employee: Brose North America

Job Title: Project Engineer Location: Auburn Hills, MI

Degree: BSME



Marin Brajkovic:

Full Time Employee: To be determined

Job Title: To be determined

Location: Chicago, IL

Degree: BSME



William Page:

Full Time Employee: Light Guide Systems

Job Title: Project Manager

Location: Wixom, MI

Degree: Industrial Engineering



Photo Gallery

Flint Community Service Cleanup





"SCUUBA" Tournament Winners Flushing Community Candle Walk



Sigma Chi Car Rally



Kettering University Community Clean up



Aerial shot of the house





Before and after pictures of Project Weekend

