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50 Years and Beyond Capital Campaign Gains Momentum More than \$230,000 Raised by Generous Brothers to Date

The *Commitment to Our Future, 50 Years and Beyond* capital campaign is dedicated to paying off the mortgage on 604 S. Main and making some much-needed capital improvements to the chapter house. Since kicking off at Homecoming in October, we have more than \$230,000 in commitments from 90-plus Zeta Rho brothers. However, we still need your help! Zeta Rho is calling on all brothers to provide their financial support and make a contribution to this historic effort.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$350,000 by the 50th anniversary celebration on April 22. Contributions will help build an emergency reserve fund, payoff the mortgage, and make major renovations to the chapter house. Paying off the mortgage will enable us to direct money currently spent on debt servicing toward building additional equity, supporting the active chapter in securing other venues for social activities, sponsoring special alumni events, and offering scholarships to undergraduate brothers.

As a result of the pledges and contributions received so far, we have paid \$60,000 down on our mortgage and are still able to maintain the \$30,000 reserve required by the new bylaw change approved in October. The House

Corporation will continue making lump-sum payments on the mortgage as funds are received. Additionally, plans are made to start the renovations to the windows, roof, and kitchen.

It is also worth noting that several brothers have made generous donations to the Sigma Chi Foundation, designating those funds to be used for scholarships.

Central Michigan is your alma mater! Sigma Chi is your fraternity! Zeta Rho is your chapter! Thank you to all who have expressed your love for your fraternity through a financial contribution. For those who have not, your support is needed to meet the goals of our *Commitment to Our Future, 50 Years and Beyond* capital campaign. We cannot do it without you!

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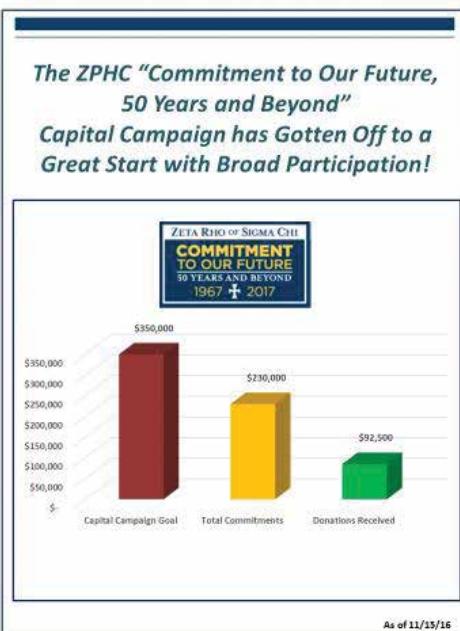


ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SET FOR APRIL 21-23 ZETA RHO IS EXCITED TO COMMEMORATE 50 YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

Five decades of Sigma Chi brotherhood at Central Michigan University will be celebrated on April 21-23 in Mount Pleasant. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime event no Zeta Rho brother will want to miss.

The Comfort Inn and Conference Center, located just off Mission, south of Kelly-Shorts Stadium, will serve as reunion headquarters for the weekend. The Stadium Room off the main lobby will be reception central, where all alumni should first check-in when arriving to Mount Pleasant. They will be welcomed by our active greeters, register for the events, and receive their reunion packet. This alumni hospitality room will display a historical museum, featuring a plethora of Zeta Rho composites and memorabilia, and will be open for all brothers from 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

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Pictured above: Michael Covington '80, Michael Carey '72, Donald Bertsch '57, Kurt Feight '82, Brad Fahr '75, Roger Fultz '69, and Jim Wilson '73 enjoying coffee at Max & Emily's. Tim Brockman '83 owns the restaurant and was happy to host the group as they discussed plans for the capital campaign and 50th anniversary celebration.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

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We have planned a full weekend of activities that will kick off with a golf outing at 12 p.m. on Friday at the famed Pohlcat Golf Course. That evening, we anticipate wall-to-wall alumni occupation of the Cabin Bar. Saturday activities will start with our first all-chapter ritualistic meeting at 10 a.m., spanning five decades of brothers commemorating Chapter Eternal brethren, followed by closing remarks by pledge class for the betterment of the order. After a short break, we will reassemble at 1 p.m. to witness our spring investiture. Concurrently, there will be a sweetheart luncheon at Camille's On The River (part of Mountain Town Station) for spouses and significant others starting at 12 p.m. with additional details to follow.

Evening events will formally begin at 5 p.m. with a social hour. The celebration banquet and program will follow at 6 p.m. and feature remarks from grand officers and guests, a special House Corporation ceremony and recognition, and fraternal remembrances by brothers of all eras. An ongoing visual backdrop will include a video time capsule of still shots gleaned from a half-decade of slide carousels, weathered photo albums, and cellphone images.

The soundtrack of the weekend, featuring classic tunes from the '60s, '70s, and '80s (and OK, some recent-day music too), will really crank up around 9 p.m. That is when the doors open for our invited sorority guests to join us for a traditional Zeta Rho dance party. Sunday will conclude with a casual open brunch from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for all brothers and their partners to say final goodbyes.

Note that while our block of rooms at the Comfort Inn, (989) 772-4000, is rapidly filling up, we also have special rates at the Fairfield Inn, (989) 775-5000, and Super 8, (989) 773-8888. There will also be complimentary shuttle service between these three properties. Brothers may also stay at the newly constructed Marriott Courtyard, (989) 773-1444, on the north end of the stadium, the popular Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, (888) 732-4537, or the new waterpark for the more family-minded.



Our goal is to ensure every Zeta Rho brother is at least notified of this event. If you are in contact with any brothers who may not have received the word, encourage them to get involved and come back for this historic weekend. Full details as to location and timing of ritualistic events will be sent in a formal invitation detailing RSVP information and payment. Due to the anticipated alumni crowd, most pre-investiture activities on Friday will be conducted privately by the active chapter.

For more information or to volunteer your time with various sub-committees, please contact our 50th anniversary co-chairmen, **Michael Miele '18** at (810) 588-8704 or miele2ma@cmich.edu or **Don Fergle '80** at (248) 701-3098 or chippewasig@aol.com. If you are interested in participating in the alumni discussions Saturday morning, reach out to Kustos **Conner Cartwright '18** at (248) 763-3181 or ejcartwright96@gmail.com. Also check out the latest schedule, happenings, updates, and an eventual list of who is planning on attending at our new website, chippewasig.com

A download of our latest membership directory will be sent to all alumni via e-mail soon. If you see any incorrect or missing information, or you have not received our e-mails, we would appreciate you letting us know with a note sent to P.O. Box 80402, Rochester, MI 48308 or to chippewasig@aol.com. As technology becomes more commonplace, we hope to conduct the majority of our communication cost effectively via e-mail and the website.

We anticipate this will be the largest gathering of Zeta Rho brothers in history when we come together to celebrate our Sigma Chi founders and rejoice in their vision of what Sigma Chi has become at Central Michigan University. We trust you will communicate with one another and join the premier reunion any chapter hopes to celebrate. See you in April!

50th Anniversary Weekend Schedule

Friday, April 21

12 p.m.
Golf outing
Pohlcat Golf Course

5 p.m.
Post-golf barbecue
Pohlcat Golf Course

7 p.m.
Welcome social
Cabin Bar
Wear your letters

Saturday, April 22

7 a.m.
Alumni discussions

10 a.m.
All-brother anniversary chapter meeting
Comfort Inn Conference Center

12 p.m.
Sweetheart luncheon
Camille's On The River

1 p.m.
Investiture ceremonies

4:30 p.m.
Pre-party social
Comfort Inn Stadium Room

5 p.m.
Social hour
Comfort Inn Conference Center

6 p.m.
Banquet and anniversary video

6:45 p.m.
50th celebration program

9 p.m.
Initiation dance

Sunday, April 23

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Casual breakfast, farewells, and departures
Comfort Inn lobby

Welcome, New Members

Matt Albrecht
Pinconning, Mich.

Brendan Barrow
Clarkston, Mich.

Trevor Belavek
Sterling Heights, Mich.

Shayne Dooley
Berkley, Mich.

Kyle Janusz
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ryan Lieneau
Rochester, Mich.

Isaac Netzly
Holland, Mich.

Nico Perez
Allen Park, Mich.

Thomas Soma
Rochester Hills, Mich.

Grant Syptkowski
Huntington Woods, Mich.

Collin Vogt
Rochester, Mich.

Mitch Waller
Naperville, Ill.

Reginald Woods
Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Setting a High Standard for Fraternity and Campus Leadership

Balfour Award Winner, Dave Wolds '70, on Leadership and Activism

While he is now a successful labor attorney in California, **Dave Wolds' '70** story truly began when he was a CMU student and campus leader during one of the most storied times in school history: 1968.

When he first arrived at CMU, Dave, who grew up in Livonia, Michigan, was reluctant to join a fraternity. However, after he met the brothers of Sigma Chi, it changed everything. Initiated into Zeta Rho his sophomore year, Dave joined the hottest new organization on campus, the recently chartered Sigma Chi fraternity.

Following initiation, he became the CMU student body president in 1968, a landmark year for the nation, college campuses, and society in general. In 1969, he became third consul of the Zeta Rho Chapter. "It was an electric time," Dave said, "CMU was a great place to be!"

During that time, the nation was in a state of unrest and universities were no different, including CMU. "Although many thought it was a 'nowhere place' in the cornfields, it was as active as any other college campus," he said.

In 1968, the nation experienced the escalation of the Vietnam War; the aftermath of the riots in Detroit and the Chicago Democratic Convention in 1967; witnessed the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy; the Detroit Tigers won the World Series; and we were close to landing a man on the moon. Additionally, the first military draft of the Vietnam War started, leaving CMU in a chaotic state. Campus was awash in racial and political instability.

Shortly after taking office as student body president, CMU's president retired, and Dr. William Boyd took over the position. Dave established a close working relationship with Dr. Boyd, who became one of CMU's most progressive presidents during a difficult era. "That era was a time of great racial tension, and Dr. Boyd was the perfect leader for that time,"



Dave Wolds '70 tending to his estate vineyard in Sonoma wine country.

Dave said. Dr. Boyd did not dissuade student activism and allowed Dave and his fellow student leaders to create an experimental curriculum and implemented the first credit/no credit classes to be offered at CMU. Also, Dave worked with Dr. Boyd to host a racial symposium in April 1969, which helped ease tensions on campus.

Following an eventful year as student body president, Dave was elected consul of the Zeta Rho Chapter. "Sigma Chi was still new, but on campus we still had a lot to prove," he said. Chi Sigma, which became Sigma Chi in 1967, was still the "new kid on the block" and had to work harder than any other fraternity to attract the best brothers. Dave kept the early momentum going throughout his tenure in Zeta Rho. "The chapter was full of special people and special times," he said.

Because he was an exceptional student and both a fraternity and campus leader, Dave became the 1970 International Balfour Award winner, Sigma Chi's highest individual undergraduate honor. As the Balfour Award winner, Dave served briefly on the Sigma Chi executive board and was offered an assistant executive secretary (AES) position with the fraternity, which he turned down.

Instead, he was eager to start law school and attended at the University of Southern California Law School. Sigma Chi offered him room and board and part of his law school tuition if

he became the resident assistant at the Alpha Upsilon chapter house at USC. Dave jumped on the opportunity to live and work closely with the brothers at the historic Alpha Upsilon house in Los Angeles. The USC chapter has produced some of Sigma Chi's most notable members, including John Wayne and Tom Selleck.

Dave earned his juris doctorate from USC in 1974 and began clerking in Southern California, specializing in labor law. In 1975, he moved up to Seattle and worked there until 1980 when he was admitted to the California Bar. "I got really busy in Washington and lost track of brothers and the fraternity," he said, "I was fully committed to my family and building a law career."

He eventually moved back to Southern California and worked in labor law as a partner in several law firms. In 2009, Dave established the Wolds Law Group, PC in San Diego, where he specialized in management, labor, and employment law. He also taught federal labor and employee benefit law as an adjunct professor at University of San Diego Law School from 1988 to 2013.

Dave maintains his San Diego office, but has now taken up residence and practice in Sonoma, California, with his wife, Victoria. They have two daughters and two sons. His oldest son, Ian, is a Sigma Chi from USC. In his spare time, Dave is a private pilot and has become an avid fly fisherman. He has also added vintner to his resume, growing Cabernet grapes on his vineyard property in the Sonoma wine country.

Dave is also eager to get back for the 50th anniversary celebration and get reconnected with everyone. "Sigma Chi has given me opportunities I never would have had," he said. "I've always been respectful of Sigma Chi and have made some fantastic friendships over the years."

Dave lives in Sonoma, California, and can be reached by e-mail at dpw@woldslawgroup.com.

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Built on a Foundation of Philanthropy

Zeta Rho Continues to Climb with 91 Active Members

During the past few semesters, our chapter has grown exponentially, and we proudly stand at 91 active brothers. We credit our strong fall recruitment to the hard work of Rush Chairman **Ryan Holder '17**. In December, our chapter initiated 17 new members into the Zeta Rho brotherhood. These gentlemen showed great commitment to the fraternity during our first run with the newly incorporated new member process, Preparation for Brotherhood. Although this education process was new, it proved successful thanks to the hard work of the active brothers.

Philanthropy has always been monumentally important to Zeta Rho, and this year, we broke the chapter record once again during Derby Days. Philanthropy Chairman **Jon Kelly '17** dedicated countless hours to ensure this Derby Days was the best yet. As a result of this hard work, our chapter raised more than \$17,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Our spring philanthropic event, the third annual Sigma Freeze, took place the weekend of February 4. To ensure this event was the best it could be, Sigma Freeze Chairman **Thomas Munoz '19** not only added a separate event for sororities to compete in the night before, but he has also added two more Sigma Freeze participants, Kappa Sigma and Phi Sigma Phi. Zeta Rho's goal is to raise more than \$30,000 for the HCI throughout the school year.

Overall, the chapter is doing great. We have a strong brotherhood and an excellent group of men who care for one another. We also expect our chapter GPA to land in the top three among all fraternities. This semester, our main focuses are on philanthropy and hosting a great 50th anniversary celebration. On behalf of the undergraduate chapter, we thank all alumni for their constant support of Zeta Rho Chapter. We look forward to celebrating 50 years of brotherhood with each of you in April.



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Greek Week 1984... *Has it really been 33 years?*



The Zeta Rho baseball team prepping for an intramural game. Top row: Zach Stout '13, Logan Vamplew '16, Trevor Belavek '16, Matt Kenrick '13, Cody Callahan '13, Tim Taylor '14, Tommy Munoz '16, and Doug Strikeleather '15. Bottom row: Reginald Woods '16, Ethan Jerry '16, Kyle Frahzo '14, and Cody Bruce '14.



Ethan Jerry '16 getting his head shaved for the Huntsman Cancer Institute during the Derby Days Pie-A-Sig/Shave-His-Wig event.

You Can Still Contribute to Sigma Freeze

At this year's Sigma Freeze, we designed a hockey jersey to be sold for extra proceeds for our event. The design this year has two major revisions from last year's sweater. Last year, the jersey read "Sigma Chi Hockey." On this year's version, the word "hockey" has been removed. The second revision is the numbers on the sleeves and back will be outlined similarly to the navy alternates of the St. Louis Blues.



Beyond the revisions, the sweater was designed to represent the 50 years of Zeta Rho. Some details we incorporated include a 50-year patch, "Est. 1967" designation on our logo, and the coloring is navy, old gold, and white.

Each jersey is \$85, and you would need to provide the size, number, and name for the plate on the back. If you are interested in purchasing a jersey, please contact **Thomas Munoz '19** at tommunoz@outlook.com.