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Rich Mostardi
ZΓ #748

Mostardi activated after 50 year wait!

Surrounded by alumni buddies and current Zeta Gamma actives, Dr. Richard Mostardi became the 748th initiate in our local brotherhood. At the first activation ever held in our new chapter house in the Greek Village at Campus Gateway, Rich Mostardi and 7 other new brothers performed the ritual ceremony and took the oaths of allegiance on January 19th, 2009. Attending were brothers from the past: Gill Herrick, ZΓ #279 (Big Brother); Jim Rinier, ZΓ #16; George Janik, ZΓ #235; Dr. Emilio Ferrara, ZΓ #307; Don Flower, ZΓ #311; Bob "Buzz" Thomson, ZΓ #332; and Lowell "Buzz" Starner, ZΓ #403. During college days Brother Mostardi earned letters in track and football, and as a junior and senior was an all MAC quarterback. He subsequently played professionally for the

Browns, Vikings, and Raiders. He is in the K.S.U. Athletic Hall of Fame. After earning his PhD from Ohio State University in Biology, Dr. Mostardi enjoyed a long and successful career on the sciences faculty at the University of Akron where he specialized in exercise physiology. He is the inventor of the Isocizer and its isometric exercise routines and is President of FitMetrics Associates Ltd.

Remembering brothers...

Recovering-

- Brother Don Flower, ZΓ #311, pacemaker surgery
- Brother "Buzz" Starner, ZΓ #403, hip replacement surgery

Deceased-

- Brother Chuck Kelly, ZΓ #123, teacher/coach Akron
- Brother James Cuppy, ZΓ #146, insurance agency owner, Lafayette, IN

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Message from the Executive Director of the Alumni Chapter:

Brother's!

It's finally a reality! We now have a place that WE can ALL call home! Without the diligent efforts Don Flower, Gil Herrick, Buzz Starner, Dan Hammer, Chris Henn, Darren Ewaska, Kent State University, ASW Properties and many more, we would be no closer than the day I was rushed in the spring of '95 in a run down rental property and was told that there were efforts in place to build a house. Please make sure you thank them the next time you see them. - They deserve it!

Both the active and alumni chapters rely a great deal on financial resources. For this reason, we are undertaking a massive fundraising effort to assist various facets of the fraternity, most importantly the new house. There are many ways in which you as an individual can support our efforts.

The first of which is getting involved. If you would like to assist with the development and advancement of the fraternal values you took an oath to uphold then please email me at rcparsons@gmail.com. Second, we are looking to Bring ALL Sigma Nu Alumni Home this year and the best way to get information out is through having updated contact information. We need you to help us keep that information updated, so please go the Alumni Website and fill out the update your contact information link at <http://www.kentsigmanualumni.org/en/index.cfm> or send me an email with your updated contact information.

The focus of 2009 will be fundraising, fundraising, and more fundraising. As many of you have witnessed, our new home is finished and amazing in aesthetics and quality. With this, comes a large debt. Our focus will be directed on one main goal: Paying down the overall house debt and meeting the loan criteria set by the bank. As part of the Come Back Home Campaign we are looking to raise \$200,000. It may seem overwhelming now, but with the hard work and dedication we have already seen, it is definitely within reach. . All donations will soon be tax-exempt, which will allow all future materials gifts and donations to be tax deductible. If you are interested in finding out more information about these fundraising efforts or have any fundraising ideas, please feel free to contact me before I contact you.

The Fraternity's values are summarized as an adherence to the principles of brotherly Love, Truth, and Honor. Together we can make it happen. The proof is in the house, both spiritually and structurally. We, as brothers, have made Sigma Nu the lifelong brotherhood commitment we pledged it would be. The future of Sigma Nu is dependent upon more than just the recruitment of good men.

We have come a long way gentlemen... let's continue our journey!

Fraternally,
Brother Randy Parsons ZΓ #641

Message from the President of the Housing Corporation:

Brothers, Welcome Home! The house is finally built and if you have not already seen it, it's wonderful. We have taken another step in a long series as the active chapter has moved into the new house at 1375 W. Campus Center Dr. in Kent this past January.

There are 11 active brothers and one resident adviser living in the house. The resident adviser, Luke Hufstetler is an alumni brother who is pursuing his MA in Financial Economics.

Furnishing the house started with securing several donated bunk beds from the university. Next we were lucky enough to purchase the majority of our appliances at a discount from a local company, MAS Inc. in Richfield, Ohio. We purchased fifty stackable chairs and several tables. The chapter no longer needs to lug the emblems to the student center for ceremonies and chapter meetings. Finally we purchased and installed nearly thirty window blinds - we wouldn't want the Delta Zeta's peeping in through the windows! All this sounds great, but the chapter is still living on "fraternity house" couches and televisions which we hope to address when the budget allows.

We have come a long way but still have a long way to go. Money is tight and we are working on a very strict budget but spirits are high as we continue to move forward. Thank you to everyone who has made it possible to get where we are and to those of you who will help us take the next step.

LTH,
Chris Henn #642

Landis on Leadership...

2nd in a series article appears on our website.

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You will find Gen. Landis' article as well as photos of our new house in the Greek Village, a message board to share your ideas and thoughts, info on our Active Chapter, as well as other valuable information.

"Come Back Home" Campaign pending...

Once tax-exempt status is granted to the Zeta Gamma Alumni Organization Foundation, all future financial gifts and donations so specified will be tax deductible according to I.R.S. rules and regulations. The hope of building a substantial endowment to satisfy our educational and service mission to our Active Chapter and Alumni Corps long-term depends on the strategic initiative to reorganize and formalize continuing operations. Therefore, at mid-year, the Foundation will commence its first ever "Come Back Home" Campaign to raise at least \$200,000 to meet the needs of the Active Chapter in recruitment, scholarship, and social justice. Our new home at 1375 West Campus Center Drive is a first class residence destined to serve a first class organization of actives and alumni. Any gift.....of any amount.....will be welcomed.

Open House...Big Success!

The Evening of January 8th marked a gala occasion in the successful history of Zeta Gamma of Sigma Nu. The doors to our new house at 1375 West Campus Center Drive were opened for the first official time to welcome University and City of Kent friends and neighbors. More than 100 University Administrators, city officials, local alumni, campus groups and active chapter members were greeted ceremoniously and enjoyed tours and snacks. Our Hosts, A.S.W. Properties/New Sigma Capital Partners, LLC, were ever present to offer directions and information.

While furnishings are sparse presently, the open floor plan and spaciouly and comfortably sized rooms permit space for upgrades and additions. Plans are to create opportunities for Alumni Brothers and friends to contribute towards specifically needed equipment, hardware, and furniture. Key-pad entry, fully sprinklered rooms, completely equipped laundry room, private and public study areas with wireless internet connectivity allows for a successful educational and social experience. Plan to make your trek back soon for a personal inspection.



Old Soldiers.....Just Fade Away?

Oral Maximalio Surgeon and brother, Dr. Emilio Ferrara recently closed his practice and officially retired. After 44 years in practice and raising a family of six, Brother Ferrara, ZΓ #307 continues to maintain an active schedule in support of his many causes, including the Zeta Gamma brotherhood. A long-time member of the Kent City Schools Board of Education, Dr. Ferrara now serves on the Boards of Robinson Memorial Hospital, the Portage National Bank, and was appointed by former Ohio Governor Taft as a member of the Kent State University Board of Trustees in 2006.



Dr. Emilio Ferrara
ZΓ #307

Brother Ferrara has been acknowledged by the K.S.U. Athletic Department for his financial support and contributions and is actively engaged as a Zeta Gamma of Sigma Nu Alumni Chapter Trustee. A tour of Australia and New Zealand is in the offing. Some retirement!