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"THE CHANGES WITHIN THE LODGE HAVE BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF SPECTACULAR..."

LETTER FROM THE #1

By Thejas Rengaswamy E'24, #1

As the weather undergoes its seasonal transformation, with the fall leaves adorning vibrant hues and the temperature gradually dropping, the Brothers of Alpha Epsilon find themselves more at home than ever. It's a remarkable time for us, for the Lodge has become our cherished abode for over a year now. In this relatively short span of time, our Lodge has experienced a remarkable evolution.

Over the summer and presently, significant construction has unfolded at the Lodge, ushering in a sense of transition akin to last year and the current fall season. The changes within the Lodge have been nothing short of spectacular, from the installation of a state-of-the-art heating system to the pristine ceilings gracing the upper levels. Witnessing these improvements come to life and witnessing how our Brothers are already relishing these new amenities fills us with excitement.

The gratitude of all the Brothers of Alpha Epsilon extends wholeheartedly to every Brother who contributed to the Lodge's transformation. It's paramount to acknowledge that without the generous support of our alumni, we wouldn't be where we are today. These efforts underscore the profound significance of Epsilon to each of

us, irrespective of our graduation year. As we look ahead to the remainder of this semester, our optimism abounds.

The planning for our annual Haunted Lodge is well underway, and our Brothers are brimming with enthusiasm to surpass last year's success by introducing a fresh theme and innovative ideas. Philanthropy remains a fundamental pillar at Epsilon, and events like these exemplify the genuine passion that drives our commitment to giving back to our community.

Furthermore, Pledge Education is poised to commence soon. We are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to educate our Fall Pledges about Chi Psi and to initiate them upon the successful completion of their Pledging journey.

In sum, the Brothers of Alpha Epsilon are genuinely excited about the future of our Lodge. Amidst the manifold changes and transitions, we may encounter challenges, but our Brotherhood stands as a beacon of strength and resilience. With unwavering confidence, we anticipate continued success in our endeavors, eagerly anticipating the path that our Alpha will chart.

YITB,
Thejas Rengaswamy E'24



EPSILONIANS BOND THROUGH IM SPORTS

By Evan May E'24

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One of the best ways the Brothers of Alpha Epsilon enjoy some good competition is through the University's Intramural Sports. We have Brothers playing all sorts of fun sports including, 7v7 flag football, yard games, pickleball, 3v3 basketball, 4v4 beach volleyball, and more!

Our flag football team has been off to a hot start with a record of 2-1 while scoring 72 points in those first games. Brothers **Noah Hilbig E'24** and **Timmy Devine E'25** have been an all-conference quarterbacks while Brothers **Daniel Smith E'26** and **Evan May E'24** have been a dangerous wide receiver combo downfield and in the flats. Thanks to the help of many other Brothers and Pledges, we have a lockdown defense and look forward to our last regular season game before playoffs where we hope to win the

Fraternity League Championship.

On another positive note, Brothers **Noah Hilbig E'24** and **Evan May E'24** won the IM Yard Games Championship with a dominating 3-0 win in the finals. The Yard Games tournament consisted of games such as cornhole, spikeball, ladder golf, kan jam, and picklejam with the winning team being the first to win 3 of those 5 games.

Competing in these intramural games has been a great way to get to spend time with each other as well as get this semester's pledges involved and getting to know more about Chi Psi and the Brothers that make this fraternity so great. Every sport and game is always a lot of fun and a great opportunity to try new things and get some exercise!



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BROTHERHOOD UPDATE

By Timmy Devine E'25, Brotherhood Chair

There is much excitement in the Lodge these days. After a summer of internships, class and summer jobs, returning Brothers have been glad to connect with each other and continue the fun events we participated in last year. Namely, there has been a primary focus creating fun internal events for the brothers to enjoy.

In keeping with tradition, we gather each

Thursday evening in formal attire to celebrate the end of the week with one another. It's fair to say we have heard our fair share of singing atop the radiator from the brothers this year. We continue to welcome any alumni who wish to join us on Thursdays. During the rest of the week, the Lodge is an active place with card, game and philosophy nights. For most brothers, a highlight of their week is sitting in

the fireplace room hanging out with others after class. Brothers also visited Pinckney, Michigan to go paintballing. While some Brothers returned with battle scars, it was a nice opportunity to take a break from studying. We hope to foster similar events throughout the semester.

INTRODUCING THE FALL 2023 PLEDGES



LUKE ROWLAND

Freshman

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI

Majors: Political Science and Spanish

Involvements/Interests: Amazin' Blue, Michigan Songwriters Collective, Poetry, Guitar

"From the start, Chi Psi has proven to be a group of men that are committed to upholding its values of Brotherhood and self-actualization. The dedication, drive, and care that each Brother has for this Fraternity and upholding its goals is unlike any other I've encountered, and I knew that these were the type of men that I should surround myself with in order to become the best that I can be."



BROCK SHIVELY

Freshman

Hometown: Watersmeet, MI

Major: Undecided

Involvements/Interests: U-M Native American Student Association, optiMize Challenge, Bridge Scholars Plus, Golf and Volleyball

"Coming to the University of Michigan, I wanted to find a community that shares my values in education, personal growth, leadership development, and developing lifelong relationships. The bBothers of Chi Psi have exemplified these things and beyond. The bonds that the Brothers have are truly special; I am so grateful to have met these men."



MASON BROWN

Freshman

Hometown: New York, NY

Major: Economics

Involvement/Interests: Investment Analyst - Michigan Collegiate Investment Group, Logistics Team - Michigan Math Meet, Michigan Snowboard Club, Karate, Tennis, and Cooking.

"I always knew that I wanted to join a fraternity of Brothers. Brothers look out for one another and help their fellow Brothers succeed. Chi Psi is a society of gentlemen and Brothers, and I am honored to be a part of this historic fraternity."

LODGE UPDATE



BEFORE

AFTER



Exciting progress on the Lodge continued last summer and into the fall. We revitalized the window bench area and installed working outlets. Work on several bedrooms and the upstairs hallway is ongoing. You can see how much taller the ceilings are even at this stage in the renovations.

Thank you to our generous alumni donors who made this important work possible by participating in the Alpha Epsilon of Chi Psi Re-Founding Capital Campaign last year.

REMEMBERING BROTHER JOHN M. ROSS E'79



Brothers in Chi Psi,

We regret to inform you of the passing of Brother John M. Ross E'79 who served his Alpha and The Epsilon Educational Endowment for nearly 40 years.

John Martin Ross of Plymouth, Michigan, was born on September 7, 1957, in Washington, D.C., and adopted by Malcolm and Marjorie Ross. After graduating from the University of Michigan, he worked as a financial advisor for many years and had recently retired. He is survived by his sister, Jane Burch of Ann Arbor; six nieces and nephews; 11 great nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Mike Brown. He passed away on October 14, 2023, at the age of 66 due to complications of emphysema following a brief hospitalization.

We send our sincerest condolences to Brother Ross's family and the Brothers who called him a friend.

YITB.

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