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PHI PSI RETURNS TO OHIO STATE!

Gordon Gough '97, The Ohio Delta Company President

We are excited about the new school year at OSU. This year marks the first full year Phi Kappa Psi is back on campus. In this edition of the Buckeye Phi Psi, you will hear from Colony President Jack Southard. Jack, and the Phi Kappa Psi National Fraternity Expansion Team are working with the six other undergraduate colony members this school year recruiting for the new Phi Psi Ohio State Colony. As you may recall, the Expansion Team has been on the ground at OSU since the start of the 2023 spring semester. The new colony members are doing a great job establishing the new colony with an eye on re-establishing the Chapter.

Since recolonization began, the Ohio Delta Company has been working to support the recruitment for the new colony while maintaining our current chapter facilities. The chapter houses are currently rented out until July 2024, which will allow the new colony to grow and mature without the financial burden of filling the chapter house immediately.

Additionally, the House Corporation realizes that there is a need to deliver quality chapter updates to Ohio Delta alumni on a consistent basis. To accomplish this, we have partnered with the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation team to actively manage our communication and fundraising efforts going

forward. This new partnership will allow us to effectively communicate with you in a timely manner and support the new Ohio State Colony.

On July 17, our Phi Psi community lost a giant. Jerry Nelson UCLA '48, a Phi Psi from California Epsilon died at the age of 94. In addition to the countless positive changes he made on behalf of Phi Kappa Psi and the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation, he touched the lives of many Ohio Delta brothers. Jerry helped in our acquisition of the Honors Lodge and many other untold stories. Brothers from the 1990s onward, are familiar with Jerry and may have had the opportunity to spend time with him at his home in Cabo San Lucas on Spring Break. I was one of the fortunate few. During Spring Break 1999, a group of us (Ohio Delta undergraduates) attended the weeklong leadership event. We spent the week with Phi Psis from across the United States and Ohio Delta was just one of several chapters in Cabo that week. Jerry held leadership "weeks" for well over a month covering the different colleges spring breaks.

Jerry's purpose? He wanted young Phi Psi leaders to be in Cabo, learning from the brightest minds that our Fraternity had to offer. I recall a session while sitting at his outdoor dinner table and gazing at the Pacific Ocean. Jerry was telling us

how we live in the greatest country in the world, and no matter our backgrounds or circumstances we can find success. His goal? To propel Phi Psi in cultivating and training tomorrow's leaders. Jerry was a giver, a friend, and a builder of people.

Why do I tell this story? It reminds me of why we all cherish our Fraternity. Yes, the social events were fun, but the Fraternity afforded us rich opportunities. We have been fortunate to make lifelong friends, and some of us even met our wives through Phi Psi. The four walls at 124 provided us lessons in life, leadership, and compassion. Lifting brothers up, no matter the situation.

We have a unique opportunity right now to help young men who attend Ohio State. Let's again, give our time, talents, and treasures to Ohio Delta—as Woody Hayes would say, "Pay it Forward". We owe it to the next generation.

Let's do this together.

All the best,

Gordon M. Gough '97
President, The Ohio Delta Company

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**UPDATE FROM THE COLONY
Jack Southard**

My name is Jack Southard (Seen in center of the photo), I'm a third year Pre-Med Psychology major and the current president of the Phi Kappa Psi Ohio State Colony. As I'm sure most readers by now are aware, the Ohio Delta Chapter of Phi Psi is restarting as a colony, which means we're seeking to regain the charter that was lost 5 years ago. I was brought on by Angelo Giordani, a recruiter from Phi Psi who promised us an opportunity of a lifetime restarting this chapter, and I have no regrets in jumping on it. I was initially brought on with promises of scholarships and leadership opportunities; in the 7 months I've been with Phi Psi, it's become so much more than that. The six other founding fathers have become some of the closest friends I've ever had, and after attending District Council at the end of July, those of us who went are more determined than ever to get the chapter back to its full form.

Thus far, we have been unable to do too much, as we are working with limited membership, budget, and time. We have made a lot of strides however, filling in roles with only virtual training and assistance from Angelo as well as reestablishing lost connections, both with other Greek and philanthropic organizations. Preparations have been all but finalized for the upcoming rush season as well, with all of us ready and eager to take on a quality recruitment class post refounding. We have full intent to begin activities as normal this fall with philanthropy events, fundraisers both on campus and for alumni, and possible social events as well. Our goal for the year is to grow to the point where we can be in tuxedos signing our charter the day we all move back into the house on 14th Avenue next fall, with as many alumni, be they from our chapter or not, present for the moment. We look forward to this semester, and hope to see as many of you as possible when we host our first alumni event!

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CHASING THE DREAM OF SERVICE

Alumni Spotlight: John Roscoe '03

John Roscoe '03 grew up in northeast Ohio and decided to follow in his parents' footsteps by attending Ohio State in the fall of 2002. Born from a lineage of honorable men who served their country, he set out to chase his own American Dream of service. With this service heritage flowing through his blood, Brother Roscoe set out for The Oval to find like-minded organizations at the Student Involvement Fair. Little did he know at the time, however, that a fifteen-minute conversation on The Oval with *courteous and cultured* Phi Kappa Psi gentlemen would change his life forever.

That evening, the Phi Psi Ohio Delta Chapter hosted a recruitment event at the historic 124 East 14th Avenue Chapter House – where it still stands more than 20 years later. There, Freshman Roscoe would meet impressive student leaders from all walks of life. He instantly knew Phi Psi brothers embodied a service philosophy of faith, fun, family values, and philanthropy. Overnight, Ohio State's vast campus now felt more like a family to him, a place to truly call home.

Roscoe humbly accepted an invitation to join the brotherhood and after initiation quickly sought out leadership roles to serve his brothers, eventually rising to Ohio Delta Undergraduate GP in 2005. He also learned that his grandfather was a Phi Psi at Wittenberg College, and to this day, carries his pin with honor.

Through his leadership role at the chapter, he met his now lifelong sweetheart, Caroline, as she was quite literally the Delta Gamma President next door. Getting to know one another through Greek-led Bible Studies and myriad retreats cemented their relationship. After graduation, they married and have been blessed with three children.

The values instilled in him, and relationships forged over the years as a Phi Psi have compelled Brother Roscoe to heighten his drive to serve, most recently having directed federal economic policy and agency appointments at The White House and later as Chief of Staff at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which regulates the U.S. mortgage market. He has gone on to found his own business and policy consulting firm, with a focus on making The American Dream of home ownership more accessible to hard-working Americans.

From Ohio State's Oval to The White House Oval Office, Brother Roscoe credits Phi Psi with instilling in him the sacred values of The Creed, personified through undergraduate and alumni brothers who remain close friends, business confidantes, and part of his family: his younger Brother Daniel Roscoe '06 joined when he was GP and Brother Tracy Higginbotham's daughter is his Goddaughter.

For Brother Roscoe, Phi Psi lived up to her Creed by increasing his devotion...to country and God. In his view, the time is now for brothers across the vast Ohio Delta alumni network to ensure devotion to this new Chapter, so that Phi Psi sons and grandsons can experience these unique, fulfilling experiences and fellowship for generations to come.

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