# THE DSPZL HARE

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### Fall 2016 New Actives

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## **OFFICER UPDATES**

#### NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS



## Wesley Umbower, President Elect

Wes Umbower is a junior chemical engineering major from Valparaiso, Indiana. He will be transitioning to President from his 2015-2016 role as treasurer and his 2014-2015 role as historian.

#### **2016 OFFICER REFLECTIONS**



#### Jon Moore, Rush Director

Taking on the rewarding challenge that is rush, Jon Moore made his mark by helping bring twenty-four pledges into Delta Sig at the conclusion of fall quarter. From new events (slip-n-slide kickball) to technical difficulties with old classics (stud night), it was an exciting, successful rush season:

"While rush took many years off of my life, I was very pleased with the outcome of it. We ended up with 24 really quality gentlemen, with a few promising to come out in the spring. Although all the credit goes to the tireless work of the chapter, Rush cannot be done without the gracious donations by alumni. I personally would like to give a special shout out to Rob Hochsteler (Class of 91) - without his contribution rush would not have gone as smoothly as it did!"

Jon Moore is a Junior Electrical Engineering Major from Glenwood, MD.



Matt Dale, House Manager

Matt Dale has had a busy tenure as House director for the 2016-2017 season, with projects ranging from re-painting the first floor to finding the new couches for the chapter room:

"Over the past year the Chapter and ACB has made it a priority to start planning major improvements to the house. My goal as House Director is to ensure that we have the best house out of any Rose fraternity by the time I graduate. We have added a fire pit to the yard, cleaned junk out of the attic and Alumni Room. I am personally proud to say that the Alumni Room is no *longer* a place to store stuff, but rather a room that shows off the history of Delta Sigma Phi here at Rose-Hulman. For those of you that have not been back in a while, I encourage you to come back and see how we have taken care of this place that we have all called home at one time or another. This house, it's history and our history here as a fraternity is worth keeping so even if you are not able to make it back then I still encourage you to pay the debt and donate anything you are able to help us keep making improvements so that many more Delta Sigs can spend four great years here.

This year we have had the opportunity to meet many other chapters in the states around Indiana. I count us very lucky to still have a House to call our own, as many of those other chapters are unable to afford houses or are in situations where their schools do not allow them to have one. Personally, I could not imagine our chapter existing without this house, but the sad fact is more and more fraternities around the country are going without houses because it is a large financial burden. All of you had the opportunity to enjoy Delta Sigma Phi Zeta Lambda at 429 South 6th Street. Please make sure you're doing all you can to ensure that many more generations of Delta Sigs can enjoy this place too. In my time here we have had two brothers who's fathers were also brothers of this chapter and I hope that some day other legacy members will be able to enjoy this place as their fathers did before them."

Matt Dale is a Junior Mechanical Engineering Major from Chanhassen, Minnesota.

## Joe Holtz, Athletic Director

Taking over after storied Athletic Director Max Goodrich's graduation, Joe Holtz has embraced the role as player-coach of all intramural sports teams:

"Last spring, we won the IM softball championship against the professor team. It was a full team effort and one hell of a ball game. Since then we have been competing hard in other sports such as indoor soccer and flag football. While our regular season record wasn't too bad in either sport we did not advance in the tournament.



We are getting new IM jerseys after Christmas break so we can look more like an organized team and so we can represent DSig when we play!"

Joe Holtz is a Sophomore Mechanical Engineering major from Elkhart, IN.

## Austin Salisbury, IFC Representative

Austin Salisbury is one of two IFC representatives for the 2016-2017 year. After returning to Rose after a co-op with Marathon, Austin was eager to pay the debt and represent Delta Sig at IFC, being elected Co-Rush Chair for 2017-2018:

This past rush season was, like many, full highs and lows for all fraternities. Among the lows were accusations of dirty rushing against many other fraternities. Unfortunately, those accused fraternities did not receive penalties due to the "all or nothing" nature of IFC's punishments. Delta Sig is proud to maintain a clean rush, and contribute to the improvement of rush rules. Our IFC representatives are changing rush for the future by helping rewrite the by-laws all fraternities operate under:

"Over the last few months Joe and I have been working with IFC to re-write the rush bylaws. The changes are meant to provide a more accountable way to bring up formal complaints about rush violations and to hold fraternities more responsible to uphold rush rules. Another change to the bylaws is that IFC has changed the

severity of punishments for minor rush violations (ex. the penalty for having a rushee out too late was losing half of rush). There have been several dirty rush rumors and with a new process on how to report dirty rushing and new balanced punishments for dirty rushing we hope to provide a better rush for next year."

Austin Salisbury is a Junior Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering double major from Gurnee, IL.

## SUMMER LANDSCAPING PROJECT

In an effort to continue making improvements to the house, the Zeta Lambda chapter started a project to revamp our landscaping last summer. With the generous support (both in time and money) of alumni and actives, we were able to complete the first phase of the project this fall. The funding came primarily from a GoFundMe campaign. Much thanks to all who made this project possible—please enjoy the pictures below.

The project began with the intense removal of the previous rock ground cover. Working with a landscape company, we developed a plan to redesign the flower beds and fill them with perennial plants. The first installment included planting a dogwood tree, eight boxwoods bushes, and 9 hydrangeas. For an added touch and insulation during the winter, we spread mulch. Although we still need to raise additional funds, the next installment will consist of filling the empty areas with hostas and liriope. In a few years, everything should grow in nicely and really enhance our curb appeal.





If you would like to donate, please contact me at brooks.rodibaugh@gmail.com. Again, thank you to all who have already donated their time and money. Especially the alumni! We look forward to completing this project.



Brooks Rodibaugh is a Senior Chemistry Major from Rensselaer, Indiana. Brooks was recently accepted to Indiana University's Medical School. Congratulations Brooks!