We love a beginning, but it’s the finishing that really counts.

One of life’s greatest satisfactions comes from finishing an important task we have undertaken…Chemistry 151, your degree, your chapter office, marriage.

The wayside is full of brilliant people who lacked stamina.

Take a look at the NYC Marathon…runners way back in the field finishing with honor. The joy and value of the race, difficult as it is, is in persevering to the finish line.

Half of achieving anything, is knowing what we have to give up to get it. We all have our unique skills and abilities, but we also have our own particular temptations to conquer if we want to finish what we start.

Qualities that make for great beginnings may not be accompanied by those that enable us to see the job through. Good starters and good stayers are not necessarily the same people. To see it through, we need self-discipline, patience, steadfastness, and perseverance.

Brothers, your time spent wisely at studying and fulfilling daily life in your chapters – especially doing your daily house clean-ups (you knew I’d sneak that in) – and all the leadership and fellowship opportunities fraternity life affords, will train you to be strong finishers…one step at a time.

Fraternally,

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