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# The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

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## Send a Powerful Message

Tom Gasbarre '82

President, Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association

When we joined Lambda Chi Alpha, we did so for our own reasons. But high on the list for most of us were the friendships we already had with then-current brothers and the ability to make new friends through the social aspects of a fraternity. We might also have considered the actual chapter house for its location and other amenities. But most of us probably never gave much thought to why Lambda Chi Alpha was there in the first place or to how the chapter and the house were nurtured and maintained for all the years before we joined. We learned these lessons from the active involvement of the alumni.

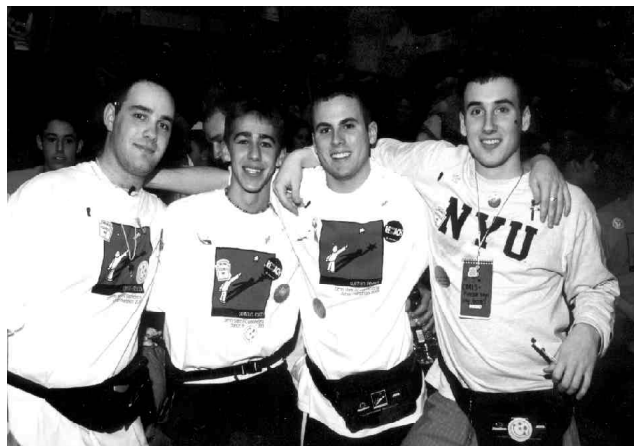
Sure, each year the undergraduates must recruit new members, run their own programs and try to maintain the house. Over the past three years, the challenges have been great. The active chapter has done a superior job in essentially rebuilding itself. With one of the largest active rosters that I can remember, the undergraduates are now on firm membership ground. We are just beginning to see these benefits as new brothers move into the house. Financially we have struggled just to keep the lights on and now need to rebuild our balance sheet.

Because a relatively small group of our alumni brothers have always been willing to pitch in when needed, we have been able to continue during this trying period.

While many of our alumni may find it difficult to participate as members of the alumni association board or as advisors to our current undergraduates, we welcome and encourage those who can find the time to step forward and help. You have far more to offer than you may realize. Your mere presence sends a clear message that our graduates continue to care about the existence and the future of Lambda Chi Alpha. You just cannot imagine what an important and powerful message that is in today's challenging fraternity environment.

There is another way to demonstrate your support of Lambda Chi Alpha, of course, and that is to contribute financially. This also sends a strong and important message. Right now that support is vital.

Alumni contributions will do far more than help keep us current with necessary expenditures. They are another way for you to show that the benefits of your membership in Lambda Chi Alpha are still valuable to you. They are also a way to help continue that which was available for you as an undergraduate. *(continued)*



L-R: Dancers Chris D'Amato '02, Matt Drew '03, Aaron Weyman '03 and Chris Alex '03 helped Lambda Chi Alpha and the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi raise \$55,322.05 for kids with cancer at this year's Dance Marathon.

## Send a Powerful Message, Cont.

We all enjoyed those benefits: a home away from home while at Penn State, a chance to grow and assume leadership within a small group setting, a wonderful social program and the day-to-day camaraderie of good friends. And we still enjoy benefits: good memories of our undergraduate years, polished social and leadership skills, and, best of all, the continuation of lifelong friendships.

Alumni involvement, either in person or through your contributions, will be one of the keys to our future as a presence at Penn State. You send an important message both to our undergraduates and to our association board each time you send a contribution. Please let us hear from you.



## Making Progress by Leaps and Bounds

By Douglas B. Burrill '02, High Alpha

**T**his is the first *Zephyr* to be released in the last couple of years. Steps have been taken to ensure that publication will not be skipped again. My sincere apologies to all.

Zeta Zeta is making progress by leaps and bounds. We are very proud to announce the election of former high alpha, Jon Brooks '02, to the position of IFC president for the 2001 calendar year. Our congratulations also go out to our current high epsilon, James Pennington '02, for his appointment as the 2001 vice president of programming for the IFC as well. Good luck to these gentlemen and to all of our members involved with IFC.

We are even more excited to announce the success of our recruitment efforts over the past year. Last semester, we initiated 15 new members, eight of whom are currently officers or hold positions on officer committees. This semester, we have 11 new associate members, more than double the largest spring class in the previous five years. This brings our total recruitment for the year to a phenomenal 26 men, leaving Zeta Zeta with 1,384 members after this semester's initiation. Our goal of having 1,400 initiated members by the end of the 2001 calendar year is clearly within reach.

Zeta Zeta is striving in other areas as well. At the conclusion of the fall semester, Zeta Zeta earned the 24th-highest GPA in the Greek community, up from 42nd at the conclusion of last spring. Additionally, we and Thon partner Alpha Delta Pi contributed more than \$55,000 to the Four Diamonds Fund and continue to be a chapter leader in the General Fraternities North American Food Drive efforts. We have improved our relations with the general fraternity greatly over the past couple of months and are working with them continuously to resolve past problems such as membership recognition and financial delinquency. Our goal is to be in completely good standing by the middle of next semester.

Please take time to look through this newsletter and feel free to e-mail or call me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Or, if you know you will be back in town, drop us a line and let us know. You can reach me at 814-231-0598 or dbb127@psu.edu.

### Associate Members

Dan Collins '04  
Wynnewood Pa.

Mike Elwell '04  
West Chester, Pa.

Mike Reese '04  
Glenolden, Pa.

Andrew Crews '03  
Schwenksville, Pa.

Dave Kopec '04  
Mechanicburg, Pa.

Don Sampson '04  
Knox, Pa.

Alexander Ebersole '04  
Gainesville, Fla.

R. Joel Musenbach '04  
Lancaster, Pa.

Adam Sheppard '04  
North Caldwell, N.J.

Ryan Ehrlich '04  
Oakmont, Pa.

## A Great Year for the Chapter!

By Thaddeus Kocuba '02, High Rho

**H**ello, Lambda Chi alumni! It has been awhile since the *Zephyr* last came out, but now we seem to have everything in order. Plan on receiving the *Zeta Zephyr* more often.

Let's start with some chapter news. For our current situation this coming fall, we have 39 in-house brothers and 15 or so out of the house. We recently initiated our spring class of 11 associates, to bring us to 1,384 members. Dance Marathon went fairly well for us — we raised \$55,322.05 with the help of Alpha Delta Pi. We plan on raising twice as much next year. Also, we had a house roller hockey team for the first time ever. We did very well, scoring more goals than any other team in the league. Unfortunately, we lost in the second round of the playoffs.

Our Spring Weekend was fantastic! We did it with AZD and had a great time. Our theme was the movie "Tommy Boy." For our chariot, we built a car like that from the movie. The chariot was amazing; it had everything down to the can of oil, the blue tarp roof, and the deer antlers. We won best-looking chariot but were disqualified for the race for having an unsteady structure. We still feel it could have run the race. As for Spring Weekend, we took second in spirit points and second overall. We received two impressive-looking trophies for our efforts, which are now in the library.

Now let's address upcoming events. ***The Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts is July 11-15 at PSU. It should be a lot of fun for students and alumni alike. Although no alumni events are planned for that weekend, there will be plenty of people at the house having a good time.*** There is, however, an alumni event in the works for Homecoming weekend. Some ideas being thrown around are a pig roast, a barbecue, a whale's tales gathering, or any other ideas we can think of. Homecoming will be addressed in detail in the fall newsletter.

I would be very happy to hear from you. E-mail me at tsk118@psu.edu, or send me a letter at the house. Let me know of anything you would like to see in the *Zephyr* or of any special announcements about yourself or other brothers.

## Alumni News

We heard from **George W. Wickstead '33** (3325 Hidden Springs Dr., Medford, OR 97504) last November. He and his wife of nearly 60 years were waiting to move into a large retirement community. "Bill" enjoys recollections of Lambda Chi as it was in the 1930s, of college life when some guys were able to get by on \$600 a year, and of State College when it was a village "out in the country."

Although he's retired as a law professor, **Henry J. Bailey III '39** (400 Madrona Ave. S.E., Apt. 418, Salem, OR 97302) still has an office at the Willamette University College of Law and writes on commercial law matters.

**William W. Simpson '42** (545 Trotwood Ridge Rd., Upper Saint Clair, PA 15241) lives in the suburbs of Pittsburgh for about eight months of the year and spends the remaining time at the Glades Country Club in Naples, Fla.

Last year, Helen and **Henry C. Tillson '48** (2808 Applewood Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands with their two daughters and their husbands.

After living in another part of the country for many years, **Russell B. French '50** (408 March St., Ellwood City, PA 16117) lost contact with his Lambda Chi Alpha contemporaries. He'd enjoy hearing from them via e-mail at [rbfrench@ccia.com](mailto:rbfrench@ccia.com).

**Lowell Hammer '50** (1592 S.E. Ballantrae Ct., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34952; [hammerlowe@aol.com](mailto:hammerlowe@aol.com)), a retired foreign service officer, has published a 706-page Hammer family history and genealogy book. He spent over 40 years researching and writing it. "Pete" remains active in a number of hereditary, genealogical, historical and patriotic societies and veterans organizations. He's stayed in contact with many of his Zeta Zeta brothers: **Woody Witherow '43, Bruce McLean '50, Dale Campbell '51, Bill Nichols '51, Joe Ream '51, Bob Hornbaker '52, Kenn**

**Haas '53, Ned Book '54 and Bill Rutt '60**. He's looking forward to returning to State College and the fraternity one of these days.

**Robert D. Hamman '51** (88 Tamwood Ln., Elgin, SC 29045) appreciated receiving the alumni directory. Three years ago, he and his wife moved from Pensacola, Fla., to South Carolina to be near some of their grandchildren.

**Kenneth R. Haas Sr. '53** (2499 Easie St., Oakton, VA 22124; [cruiseaweigh@aol.com](mailto:cruiseaweigh@aol.com)), a retired Navy captain, has been helping his wife, Marilyn, with her travel company, Cruise Aweigh. They travel extensively and occasionally with other Lambda Chis such as **Dave Bechtel '53, Jim Kilgore '53 and Ned Book '54**. Kenn and Marilyn have nine grandchildren. In 2000, Ken was reelected to another three-year term on the Alumni Council for Penn State.

**William E. Lindsay '53** (5912 Munson Ct., Falls Church, VA 22041) is retired after a 30-year career in the Navy. Last fall, he moved his 34-foot sailboat from Washington, D.C., to Sarasota, Fla., where he planned to stay for 18 months. William has three children and three grandsons.

When we heard from him in November, **William G. Gingrich '57** (8 Live Oak, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034) had just returned from a one-month trip to Australia and New Zealand. He especially enjoyed Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef.

**C. Edward Springman '58** is president of Sherron Associates Inc. (12501 Bell-Red Rd., Ste. 106, Bellevue, WA 98005; [cespringman@sherronassoc.com](mailto:cespringman@sherronassoc.com)). While in France last year, he and his wife, Jane, visited the D-Day invasion beaches and the monastery at St. Michelle. They also had the opportunity to see how the super-rich live by spending three nights in Steve Forbes' chateau in Normandy. The couple planned to spend New Year's Eve at Ankara Watt temple in Cambodia. They enjoy adventure travel and were hoping

to bicycle and raft in Nepal in 2001. Ed and Jane were profiled in the Bellevue Athletic Club magazine for their mountain climbing, scuba diving and cycling.

Now that their two children are away at college, Bonnie and **Thomas J. Grabowski '68** have "downsized" and moved to an apartment at 5700 Grelot Rd., Apt. 1127, Mobile, AL 36609. "Grabo," controller of mobile operations at Kimberly-Clark, writes that he and his wife are looking forward to retiring this summer. They see **Barry Ginnetti '69** a couple of times a year and cruised to Greece and Turkey in 2000 with Judy and **John Antonitis '68**. The Grabowskis would like to hear from brothers in their area. You can contact them electronically at [bontom1121@home.com](mailto:bontom1121@home.com).

**Thomas M. Frick '69** (135 Grant St., #2, Greensburg, PA 15601; [fricktm@hotmail.com](mailto:fricktm@hotmail.com)) published a paper for ASME on wear projection technology that uses the "Frick Modified Archard Equation" which introduced the work-rate concept in engineering.

**Michael J. Gilotti '69** (46 Meadow Rdg., Avon, CT 06001; [mjstar@hotmail.com](mailto:mjstar@hotmail.com)) began working at Phoenix Wealth Management Inc. two years ago as senior vice president of variable products distribution and was later joined at the company by **Will Phillips '71**, who serves as a division vice president in the Washington, D.C. area.

**Robert H. Nelson '69** (25007 Sunset Dr., Bay Village, OH 44140; [rnelson@hawkperformance.com](mailto:rnelson@hawkperformance.com)) is president of Hawk Performance, a manufacturing company. He partied with **Robert Cecil '69** at a wedding last year. Brother Nelson notes: "Sue, my pin mate and wife of 32 years, and I now have a beautiful, blue-eyed granddaughter. Hope she marries a Lambda Chi!"

Magazine wholesaler **David P. McKnight Jr. '70** (109 Aston Ct., McMurray, PA 15317; [dpm@nb.net](mailto:dpm@nb.net)) is co-owner of and operations manager for



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McKnight Sales Co. Inc. He and his wife, Betsy, have two children — both students at Penn State's main campus.

In July 2000, **Edward F. Stoloski '70** (5 Leslie Pl., Newtown, PA 18940; eddjb@aol.com) became superintendent of the East Amwell School District. He and his wife, Mary Kay, have a daughter at Penn State and two teenaged sons.

In a new job, **Willard B. Phillips '71** (10125 Community Ln., Fairfax Station, VA 22039; willard\_phillips@phl.com) is a divisional vice president at Phoenix Home Life.

Our condolences to **David R. Jedrzejewski '72** (1731 Woods Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78681; davejedski@aol.com) on the loss of his 16-year-old daughter in an automobile accident in January 2000. He has four sons, one a PGA professional. Dave is director of training at Dell Computer Corp. and is now playing golf with an eight handicap. He misses the brothers of his era and welcomes visits from those traveling to the Austin area.

**Dale F. Carnegie '74** (2301 Alava Ct., Waldorf, MD 20603; dfcarnegie@fbiaacademy.edu), a supervisory special agent with the FBI, was deployed to Sydney, Australia, for the 2000 summer Olympic games as one of eight FBI agents requested by the Australian government to enhance law enforcement/crisis management relations during the games. He's preparing for the winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, scheduled for February 2002.

**James E. Beard '75** (415 Stone Jug Rd., Lewisberry, PA 17339; jeb@acebeer.com) is general manager of Ace Distributing. While in Denver, Colo., for a seminar, he visited classmate **Rick Powl** .

**Richard Y. Gunzburg '75** (4081 Howley St., Pittsburgh, PA 15224) got together with **Mike Covol '73** and **R. P. Vespa '72** for the Penn State/Pitt game last fall. "Gunzy," who is in sales with The A588 & A572 Steel Co., has also talked with **Rick Skillington '76** and crossed

paths with **Paul Taiclet '74** and **Chip Willis '71** .

After 30 years of service with Bethlehem Steel Corp. and EDS Corp., **Robert A. Lightner '75** (502 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055; boblightner@lehigh.edu) retired in March 2000. He then turned in his "COBOL programming hat" and accepted full-time employment with Lehigh University's Stabler Arena. As operations and events coordinator, he's responsible for ensuring that all events at the arena run smoothly.

Working in property management, **Richard J. Powl '75** (1105 Monaco Pky., Denver, CO 80220; rickpowl@aol.com) is the owner of Powl Properties. He had a great time with **Ed Beard '75** when Ed visited for a few days last year. Rick writes: "Any Lambdas into skiing — come on out! There's world class skiing at my back door!"

**Mark W. Reitz '78** (226 Center St., Jim Thorpe, PA 18229), a turf grass specialist, is the owner of Landscape Construction Co.

**Michael A. Levine '80** (11555 Wills Creek Rd., San Diego, CA 92131; michael@aero-techengineering.com), general manager of operations at Aero-Tech Engineering, has relocated his business to a new custom-built, state-of-the-art facility. The company became fully certified with Boeing in September 2000. For more details, you can check out the website at [www.aero-techengineering.com](http://www.aero-techengineering.com).

In May 2000, **Kenneth J. Termini '87** (210 Venetian Dr., Easton, PA 18040) welcomed the arrival of his second child and son, Michael.

Last fall, **William J. Reynolds '89** (310 Sawmill Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579; william.reynolds@exeloncorp.com) took a new position as technical services manager at Susquehanna Electric Co., switching from nuclear to hydro-generation. For recreation, he still enjoys playing hockey and racing motorcycles. William and Karen cel-

ebrated their ninth anniversary in 2000. They have two young daughters.

After nine years with Prudential, **John J. Comonitski '90** (411 Edgewood Dr., Ambler, PA 19002) joined Merck & Co. as an instructional designer. He and his wife, Debra, have two children. John enjoyed hanging out with **Joe Mazzoni '88** last summer and would like to hear from his big brother, Ed V., by e-mail (jdcommi@cs.com) or telephone (215-283-0253).

**Richard J. Ward III '90** (1723 Monterey Dr., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462; rwardmcs@aol.com) is serving as vice president of membership for the newly-formed Greater Philadelphia Smeal College Alumni Business Club, an organization supported by Penn State's Smeal College and the PSU Alumni Association. Fellow Lambda Chi **Tom Gasbarre '82** is treasurer. Rick sends congratulations to **Vinny Citarelli '91** and **Jim Ade '91** on their marriages last year and to **Drew Morton '91** on his engagement to Ann Mathews. Rick is an account executive at MCS Management Services. He and his wife, Danielle, have a 1-year-old son, R.J.

**Timothy S. Ackerman '92** (6901 Fox Hill Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112; timackerman297@pol.net) is a graduate of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. At Pinnacle Health Hospitals, he completed a traditional rotating osteopathic internship in June 2000 and is now in his first year of an orthopedic surgery residency.

We regret to inform you of the death of

**Fred M. Crawford '34** (5/3/99),

**James H. Book '36** (7/12/00) and

**F. Ross Lorenz '48** (10/00).

Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.