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# The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

*Homecoming events  
planned for  
October 19!  
Details on page 2...*

## In Memoriam: Jarrett Walker Jackmuff

By Robert A. Berretta Z1385

Though much has been written about death, there are no guidelines, no planned responses to the loss of a close friend. When does mourning end, and closure begin?

On September 2, Zeta Zeta lost a distinguished and unique brother. Simply put, our chapter will not be the same after Brother Jarrett Walker Jackmuff's passing.

Though his one-of-a-kind character will no longer be around to entertain and enliven the brotherhood, his spirit in ZAX will always make us smile. And although his dedication to the house will be dearly missed, his work ethic has inspired many to carry on his legacy.

Indeed, our chapter is no longer the same without Z1403, yet we are not to be weaker. We should look at his loss as a unique example of the strength of our brotherhood. Often we hear the paradigm that tragedy has a positive dimension—it's ability to unite. The number of brothers who were present to help Brother Jackmuff's family mourn speaks volumes about our unity.

Brother Jackmuff's presence is irreplaceable, and he is dearly missed, but let us not forget that the bond of brotherhood extends beyond this physical world. He is, and always will be, our friend, our "muff daddy," and above all else, our brother.



The late  
Jarrett Walker  
Jackmuff

## Fall 2002 Alumni Chair Overview

By Tom Gasbarre '82 Z966

My comments for this edition will be brief for two reasons: All of you have just received the Annual Football flyer detailing progress: over the past year the Zephyr has used all space available to inform you of the Chapter's condition and has not been able to publish Alumni News.

This issue contains some updates—good and bad—while devoting nearly half its space to what our Alumni have been doing. I hope it allows you to reconnect with some out of touch Brothers and encourages more updates from our membership in the future.

Updates—the bad first. We lost a fine young man to an undetected heart problem on Labor Day. Walker Jackmuff, in his 19 years of life and 1 year with Zeta Zeta, proved himself as a man among men. Please review Rob Beretta's tribute to him and contact Rob if you would like to support the fund Walker's parents have established.

The Active Chapter should be commended for their loving support. Walker's father said to me at the wake—"You guys are a class act." His parents laid him to rest in his Lambda Chi Alpha sweatshirt.

Sorry I can't come up with a transition here—there is none, so to continue: please review the following articles: Zeta Zeta's first golf outing was held; the active chapter is blowing the doors off its competition at PSU on every front; details concerning May 2003 1950's class reunion; a short financial report on where the Alumni Corp.'s revenue comes from and how it's used; and, this year's Homecoming Gala events.

One other notable update, the latest issue of the Cross and Crescent has Zeta Zeta featured in two articles: Chapter Success Stories and Thon fundraising. Who woulda thunk it?

## Active Chapter Report

By Rob Pennington (Fall) '03 Z1342

This semester is the beginning of what will be another great year for the undergraduate chapter.

Although our bonds of brotherhood were tested at the beginning of the semester following the death of Jarrett Walker Jackmuff, we have overcome tragedy.

Our Grade Point Average of 3.04 places us again above the university's all men's average and 11th among the 52 fraternities. Two brothers received the honor of being selected as 2003 Dance Marathon Overall Captains: AJ Jugan for entertainment and Jon Brooks for corporate relations. Recruitment is going so well that the selection of new members for the fall will only bring in the brightest and best to continue our fraternity legacy.

Hopefully we will get to see you at one of our eight home football games this fall. If not, look for us as we go canning to solicit for dance marathon all over the northeast later this semester.

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# Homecoming Gala Plans Are Set

By Kevin Murphy '82 Z969, Director Internal Alumni Events

I hope many of you can come to our Homecoming events on October 19, 2002. This will be the second year we have held formal events and we're planning an even better time than last year—much more like the activities our Chapter was once famous for. In this mailing you will find a response card to reserve your family's attendance. Our schedule is as follows:

- **5:00-6:00PM** Cocktail Reception (weather permitting on our new Alumni Brick Patio—if you want to see your name on a brick and have not done so yet, please get your payment in quickly so we can have the engraving completed)
- **6:00-7:00PM** Dinner in the Chapter House
- **7:00-9:00PM** Awards Ceremony (Our first inductees into Zeta's Order of the Eternal Flame will be honored).

Plan on bringing the family or friends you're traveling with—all are welcome, but please let us know right away so we can have enough food and drink for all. Don't worry about the fun—you know there'll be plenty of that to go around.

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## First Zeta Zeta Golf Outing a Success

By Paul Zimmerman '82 Z973

At 11:30 a.m. on June 8, 2002, the inaugural golf ball was teed up to start the first Zeta Zeta golf outing. Nine alumni participated in the event on the Blue Course of the Penn State Golf Club. A good time was had by all. The weather was ideal, 80 degrees. The golf course was in excellent condition and the bonds of brotherhood were rekindled.

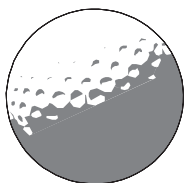
The alumni were split into three teams and sent out on the course to match skills in three competitions: gorilla ball, straightest drive, and longest putt. The Green Team consisted of Kevin Murphy, Tod Miller, and Bret Morgan. The Purple Team consisted of Steve Young, Jon Kuhl, and Ted Oyler. The Gold Team was comprised of Brad Grace, Jim Ferlino and Paul Zimmerman. The first competition, straightest drive, was won by Tod Miller. His Drive was 12 inches from the center of the fairway. Todd received a sleeve of golf balls with the Cross and Crescent emblem emblazoned on them. The second competition, longest putt, was won by Kevin Murphy. The putt he made on the 18th green was nearly five feet long. Kevin also received a sleeve of golf balls with the Cross and Crescent emblem emblazoned on. The winner of the final competition was the Gold Team of Grace, Ferlino, and Zimmerman. They were awarded a gift certificate to the Blue Course pro shop. All three teams completed the course with their gorilla ball. The Gold Team shot of score of 88, the Purple Team shot 94, and the Green Team 106.

A special thanks goes out to the refreshment crew who kept our cups full of liquids. Many thanks to Mallory Gasbarre, Matthew Gasbarre and Tom Gasbarre.

After the round of golf, we regrouped at a restaurant called Prospector's where we were joined by wives, family members, significant others and none other than Randy Holsopple. Drinks and food carried us late into the night as we reminisced about college days and got caught up on business activities and family happenings.

This year's event was a success. I thank all of you who took time of your busy lives to get together with us in State College for an enjoyable weekend. We are already making plans for next year. Hopefully, more of you will be available to join us. Tentatively, we will be hosting next year's event in the Pittsburgh area. If

you're willing to help organize the activities, please contact Paul Zimmerman ([zimmermanpde@olg.com](mailto:zimmermanpde@olg.com)) or Brad Grace ([BGG001@aol.com](mailto:BGG001@aol.com)). We will continue to move this golf outing around the state and are looking for event coordinators to host us in the Philadelphia area during 2004 and Hershey/Harrisburg area in 2005 before returning to State College where Ted Oyler has agreed to coordinate activities in 2006. See you on the course!



## Re-mark! Repeat: Re-mark Your Calendars for 2003

By Bill Lindsay '53 Z466

The Lambda Chi Alpha reunion for classes from about 1950 to 1958 and 1963 will be held at Penn State from May 29 through June 1, 2003, to coincide with the PSU traditional Reunion Weekend 2003. The class of '53 will be celebrating their 50th year and will be specially feted by the Alumni Association. All classes are very welcome.

Hotel, dormitory space, and the Lambda Chi Alpha house will be available to stay overnight, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The house will also be used for get-togethers that coincide with the PSU alumni events. Some planned events to "wet your whistle" are:

### Thursday, May 29: Check-in.

- Daytime: PSU intellectual events and tours.
- Night: Lambda Chi Alpha cocktail reception and buffet at house. PSU will also have a reception on campus.

### Friday, May 30:

- Daytime: PSU tours and intellectual events; buffet lunch at Lambda Chi Alpha house.
- Night: PSU class reunion dinner or dine with your year group.
- Late Evening: Meet at the Skeller.

### Saturday, May 31:

- Daytime: PSU open houses and teas for all classes. Lunch on campus with Lambda Chi Alpha brothers and guests at designated tables.
- Night: Lambda Chi Alpha banquet at house.

### Sunday, June 1:

- Breakfast buffets both on campus and at the house.

We will provide more details in December 2002. The formal announcement will be sent out in January/February 2003 with your reply and checks due in April/May 2003.

On another note, the Lambda Chi Alpha house resources are a continuing problem. Bill Rae and his building committee urgently need \$80,000 to renovate and restore our fraternity house this summer. About \$27,000 has been raised to date. For a list of major items that are still unfunded, see Bill's article on page 4.

If you can help, send your checks to Bill and/or buy your Lambda Chi Alpha bricks at \$250 each through our Alumni Records office at **2565 Park Center Blvd., Suite 300, P.O. Box 296, State College, PA 16804-0296.**

# Alumni Updates...

**George W. Wickstead '33** (1216 Horizon Ln., Medford, OR 97509) and his wife of 61 years have become members of the Rogue Valley Manor, a large continuing-care retirement community. They have a very comfortable cottage on a hillside with a splendid view of the valley and surrounding mountains.

**Henry "Hank" C. Tillson '48** (2808 Applewood Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728-3987) was impressed by brother **G. William "Satch" Rae '53's** Zeta Zephyr article last spring and proud to be a Lambda Chi. He hopes Zeta Zeta can keep up the good work that the alums have started.

**George T. Eden '53** (1905 Woodland Rd., York, PA 17403-4745; gtedenyork@aol.com) is looking for **Michael "Mike" J. Munkacsy '52**, **James "Jim" R. Stanley '53** and **Richard "Dick" M. "Studley" Harris '54**. If you have their addresses or email addresses, please send them to George.

Marilyn and **Kenneth "Kenn" R. Haas Sr. '53** (2499 Easie St., Oakton, VA 22124-1503; cruiseaweigh@aol.com) traveled to China with Liz and **Bob Wieland '52** in summer 2001 and are touring Russia together this September 2002.

**C. Edward Springman '58** (12501 Bel-Red Rd., Ste. 106, Bellevue, WA 98005-2509; cespringman@sherronsasoc.com) and his wife Jane went to Burma, Thailand and Hong Kong in January; went climbing and hiking in New Zealand and completed the Milford Sound track in February; and in April they biked through the Canary Islands, Morocco and southern Spain. He is pleased that his son Glenn is coming into his business with him, which gives him the ability to take a little more time off. He and Jane are active in various charities such as the Bandage Ball, an annual auction for the Overlake Hospital and the annual auction for

the King County Boys and Girls Club. If anyone out there is interested in hiking or biking, he would be pleased to hear from them as they are always looking for people to accompany them on their various adventures.

**Tinasakti "Tim" Bhanubandh '65** (518/5 Ploenchit Rd., Bangkok 10330, Thailand; tim.bhanubandh@maneeya.com) is Chairman and Managing Director of Maneeya Realty Group in Thailand. He would like to hear from any Brother circa 1965 class, especially Jim Flick, David Lynum, Burt Prutzman, Len Creed, Lou Hemmer, Lynn Cambest, David Galloway and many others.



Tim Bhanubandh and his wife Sirikarn with their three children, Pau (21), Patrick (12) and Petra (7), on vacation in Gstaad, Switzerland.

**Kevin "Gags" P. Gallagher '77** (109 McCormick Ave., Ridley Park, PA 19078-1910; kevinremax@erols.com) was awarded the prestigious RE/MAX Hall of Fame award in 2001. With many Lambdas as past clients in buying or selling, "Gags" looks forward to hearing from all brothers and tailgating during football season.

**James E. Vachon '87** (1649 Woodstock Dr., Brownsburg, IN 46112; jvachon@mcgettigan.com) I live in Brownsburg, Ind., just outside of Indianapolis, and work downtown in the city. I am a director with McGettigan Partners, a meeting planning company based in Philadel-

phia. I celebrated my 10th wedding anniversary last summer. My wife and I have three children — twins Margo and Claire, who are 8, and Dalton, who is 5. A few months ago, **Rob Kahle '87** and his family moved to the Midwest. His new home is right behind mine! It's great! He has four children, all girls. God help him! I stay in contact with **John Dalton '88**. He and his wife are expecting their second child soon and will be moving to Phoenix shortly.

**Joseph D. Mazzone '88** (1215 Waddell St., Archbald, PA 18403; mazzx3@netzero.net) I'm enjoying the summer with our new in-ground pool. Our son, Michael-Thomas, is 4 years old. I speak frequently with **John Comonitski '90** and I ran into **Paul Petriello '87**. My job with the Clean Air Group is going great.

**John "Salty" Barnes '89** (406 Clagett St. S.W., Leesburg, VA 20175) I am currently working for Freddie Mac as director of mortgage technology services. I have been married for eight years to a wonderful woman named Mary (a PSU alumnus and Phi Mu sister) and have two children, Ellie (5) and Kenny (2). Like many others, I have lost touch with most of the brothers who helped to make my college experience so enjoyable and memorable. I am very interested in hearing from brothers from the 1985-90 classes, including **Art "Bubba" Cole '89**, **William "Andy" Anderson '91**, **Scott Mack '87** and **Chris "C.J." Jones '91**. I would also be interested in attending any reunions.

**Jason "Corky" A. Stupak '90** (506 Linden Ct., Mars, PA 16046; jason\_stupak@aimfunds.com) is the regional wholesaler for AIM Management, covering western NY and PA. He and his wife Sherry (little sister of Lambda Chi Alpha) have two sons: Jake (4) and Ben (2).

**Richard J. Ward III '90** (1723 Monterey Dr., Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-2828; rwardmcs@aol.com) and  
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# Basic Operating Finances Are Now Stable But Physical Plant Needs Are Pressing

By Bill Rae (alias "Satch") '53 Z471, Alumni Corporate Controller

Considerable progress has been made during the past year. We have cleaned up our act and restored financial stability to both the Actives and Alumni Corp. operations. The result of perseverance by the Actives to austerity budgeting with emphasis on recruiting good people and participation by many of our Alums to support our goals and efforts financially. . . . .MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TURNAROUND !!

The Actives have a reasonable budget in place with all accounts current for the first time in more than several years. And, they are able to pay the full amount of their rent due to the Alumni Corp., also for the first time in more than several years. The benefit of an almost full house and cleaning up past debt.

The Alumni Corp. finances are now stable from an operating viewpoint but still heavily dependent upon dues payment and contributions to operate our business as the landlords of 351 E. Fairmount Ave.

Significant events: the \$372,311 mortgage balance was refinanced in January from 9.75% fixed to 7.00% fixed, saving \$7,498 per year. Alumni dues and contributions are now accounted for as separate categories. Everyone will hear more about this when annual dues statements are mailed in late October or early November. Provisions to re-establish reserve accounts, which were gutted to get through the past several years, have been made.

Our basic annual operations picture is as follows:

## INCOME

Rent from Actives ..... \$72,000

## FIXED EXPENSES

Mortgage ..... \$35,172  
 Taxes ( Boro, County, School – up 5% over last year. ) ..... 9,845  
 Insurance ( up 38% over last year ) ..... 7,154  
 Alumni Database Maintenance and Printed Communications ..... 12,000  
 Security and CPA ..... 1,000  
 Surprises ..... 5,000 \*

## TOTAL FIXED EXPENSES

\$70,171

\* Note: Surprises last year were: replace Hot Water Heater (\$3,800) and Replace Stove (\$1,200). Surprises this year to date are: lightning ruined central alarm panel (\$1,200); the untimely death of an undergraduate brother (\$1,158 for chartered bus service)

Our property at 351 E. Fairmount Ave. is now 75 years old and needs considerable restoration and facilities upgrade attention. A list of pressing projects prepared last Spring totaled about \$80,000. \$29,294 has been raised through September 16, 2002. Summer projects completed totaled \$17,700. Significant items were: first floor floors refinished; new carpet; chapter room floor replaced; exterior paving; ethernet system installed; and, maintenance items brought up to code. Exterior work now currently underway totals about \$15,000.

Major unsubscribed items are: replace corroded 75 year old main water supply (\$11,500 to \$12,000); major repair and replacement of 2nd and 3rd floor showers to prevent potential damage to ceilings (\$7,000). Anyone able and interested in underwriting either of these requirements?

Another goal on the agenda, for the point where our finances continue to improve to a better level, is to be able to make prepayments on the mortgage to save on interest expense.

## Alumni Updates...

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his wife Danielle had a daughter, Gabrielle, on May 31, 2002. Their son RJ turned 3 in July. Attention, all Philly area alum and soon-to-be-grads in business-related careers: visit [www.phillysmeal.org](http://www.phillysmeal.org) for info on the Smeal Business Club—a great professional networking organization open to all Penn State alumni.

On January 18, 2002, **William J. "Andy" Anderson Jr. '91** (7473 Brandenburg Cir., Sykesville, MD 21784; [bauerlab@adelphia.net](mailto:bauerlab@adelphia.net)) and Kristin had their first baby—a boy—Derian William.

**Peter V. Mutolo '93** (4 Meadow Dr., Jericho, VT 05465; [pete@mutolo.com](mailto:pete@mutolo.com)) I'm self-employed as an interactive design/information architect. I just moved to Jericho, Vt. — 10 minutes from Burlington. Stop by for some skiing!

**Jeffrey "Jeff" S. Sasin '02** (1536 Anne Dr., West Chester, PA 19380; [jeff.sasin@bentley.com](mailto:jeff.sasin@bentley.com)) just spent 2 months working in Amsterdam.

We regret to inform you of the death of

**Thomas S. Isaacs '34** (12/01),  
**John H. Malkames '39** (1/8/02),  
**William F. Barrett '48** (8/23/01)  
**Joseph M. Ream '51** (12/3/01) and  
**Jarrett Walker Jackmuff** (9/2/02).

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

