

# Upcoming EVENTS

Friday, July 4

– The Central Pa. 4th Fest at the Bryce Jordan Center

Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-13

– The Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts

Tuesday, September 2

– Fall classes begin at Penn State

Saturday, September 13

– Parents & Families Day at Penn State

## 2003 PSU Football Schedule

(home games in bold)

Aug. 30	Temple
Sept. 6	<b>Boston College</b>
Sept. 13	Nebraska
Sept. 20	<b>Kent State</b>
Sept. 27	<b>Minnesota</b>
Oct. 3-4	<b>Wisconsin*</b>
Oct. 11	Purdue
Oct. 25	Iowa
Nov. 1	<b>Ohio State</b>
Nov. 8	Northwestern
Nov. 15	<b>Indiana</b>
Nov. 22	Michigan State

\* Homecoming

*"The ultimate continuing strength of a college fraternity chapter rests with its alumni members. The chapter's undergraduates come and go, its leaders change, its programs are modified, and its home replaced, but its alumni maintain a life-long association that ends only with death. As each generation dies, a new one matures to provide the continuity that perpetuates the chapter. Alumni members are the keepers of the tradition, preferred stockholders in the enterprise, the mark of its accomplishment."*

– Stewart S. Howe

STATE COLLEGE, PA. — JUNE 2003



# The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

## House Corporation Update

Tom Gasbarre '82 Z966, Chairman Zeta Zeta Alumni House Corporation

### Zeta Zeta Celebrates Another Milestone

It's been a busy 2½ years for many members of our brotherhood. We were in a terrible financial and physical plant crisis as we reorganized in spring of 2001. I am very proud of the alumni and undergraduate brothers who stepped up, thus insuring our brotherhood for future generations.

We now stand solidly among the other fraternities at Penn State and across the country. We also still maintain the title of the longest ongoing chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. That brings us to our 90th Anniversary. We crossed that mark last November and will celebrate at homecoming this fall.

To many, that was merely a dream two years ago. Now it's a fact. Much still needs to be done, but we are better positioned currently than we have been in many years. We are now in year three of a five-year turnaround program designed by the current alumni House Corporation. Year one involved finances and year two the physical plant neglect with the goals for the rest of this year to reestablish a viable alumni network. Our undergraduate brothers follow a similar program of organization and improvement, which has been highlighted in previous *Zephyr* issues and in *The Cross and the Crescent*.

We have planned the following for the remainder of the year:

- ➔ Summer Golf Outing
- ➔ Philadelphia Area Summer Event
- ➔ 90th Anniversary Celebration at Homecoming

Although many more are now involved than at any time over 2½ years, we are still spread fairly thin as we attempt to continue upgrading the house, mentor the active chapter and reconnect our network of more than 900 living alumni. Any help would be welcome. Financial help always works as we tackle one project after another. (If you haven't seen the new patio or haven't yet purchased a brick for yourself or for a deceased brother, please do so — we have installed 115 plus so far.) And if you could devote some time to the brotherhood at your stage in life, we certainly welcome the support. Please consider giving back a little to the brotherhood. Thank you!

### 'Thon 2003: \$72,865.76 Raised by Brothers!

Our chapter, as many of you know, is involved in the Penn State Dance Marathon. It has been a very large part of Penn State pride for the past 32 years. Every year, it seems as if 'Thon means more and more to the families of the Four Diamonds Fund, the charity which 'Thon supports.

This year, our house raised close to \$73,000. Our contribution led us to a 13th-place overall standing among the 48 Greek teams participating. In total, 'Thon raised over \$3.6 million. We are very proud to have been involved with such a large student effort. It is always an honor to bring hope to the lives of so many.

For all the first-timers, it was an eye-opening event — an event where brothers get to see, firsthand, where all of our money goes. It was a truly magical experience for them and another great year for our house.



Zeta Zeta brothers bring in nearly \$73,000 for 'Thon 2003.

## 2002-2003 Zeta Zeta Officers

Alpha  
**Andy Miller Z1366**  
Mentor: Ken Burk '80 Z944

Beta  
**Adam Johnston Z1389**  
Mentor: Mike Gilotti '69 Z730

Theta  
**Ryan Ehrlich Z1374**  
Mentor: Will Phillips '71 Z785

Gamma  
**Randy Botz Z1414**  
Mentor (temp.): Luke Taiclet '82 Z920

Tau  
**Will Bigelow Z1388**  
Mentor: Bill Rae '53 Z471

Kappa  
**Chris Alex Z1341**  
Mentor: Ken Termini '87 Z1038

Phi  
**Mike Kelly Z1359**  
Mentor: Luke Taiclet '82 Z920

Delta  
**Josh Cierski Z1408**  
Mentor: Sam Carpin '01 Z1314

Iota  
**R. Tajuani Z1415**  
Randy Rossi '77 Z904

Epsilon  
**Tim Kistner Z1397**

Sigma  
**Craig Urbansky Z1371**  
Mentor: John Dalton '88 Z1080

Rho  
**Adam Sheppard Z1382**  
Mentor: R. Riggs Griffith '58 Z556

House Manager  
**Dan Shekly**  
Mentor: Scott Alderfer '85 Z1015

Fire Marshal  
**Paul Chen Z1391**

Caterer  
**Glen Roberts**

Parking Attendant  
**Scott Palagyi Z1393**

Historian  
**Andy Thompson Z1419**

Webmaster  
**Dan Collins Z1383**

## Alumni Advisory Board

# AAB

## Be a Mentor and Ensure Undergraduate Success

We have all become accustomed to seeing references to the chapter House Corporation (HC) and the chapter advisor. And for most of us, these monikers have called to mind specific individuals. At least in my mind, I think of those brothers who have stepped up and taken on the positions of Hi Pi, House Corporation president and treasurer. And in many instances, it was true that these three individuals provided the bulk of the active alumni involvement with the chapter.

We all depended on these few volunteers to rally support when needed, to make sure that the basic fiscal structure was in tact and to make those well-placed phone calls that would bail out the chapter in a time of need. However, chapter operations at both the undergraduate and house corporation level have become increasingly complex. This has been driven by internal and external factors. Internally, the general fraternity and the chapter have set high standards for operations. These standards are driven in part by our own goals but also, in large part, to the external factors. All fraternities now must deal with state and local regulatory requirements that we alumni didn't even contemplate as undergraduates, not to mention the litigious environment in which we all now live. Lastly, all Greek organizations need to meet and maintain ever-increasing operating standards imposed upon them by their host colleges.

Continuing the current alumni support model — which depends on two or three brothers to carry most of the load as advisors, landlords and business agents of the HC at the same time — is unrealistic. This only guarantees burnout of the volunteer brothers and our jumping from crisis to crisis. The short and simple of it is this: We, as alumni, must adjust our involvement to meet the current needs of the chapter.

Toward this end, we are going forward with the development of the Alumni Advisory Board (AAB). The first step will be to more clearly define the roles of the AAB and the HC. During the past several years, the two groups have worked, more or less, as a single entity out of necessity to accomplish what was needed to ensure the survival of

the chapter. However, it has always been a goal/desire to see a separation of the AAB and HC function. The current stability of the undergraduate chapter has given us an opportunity to effect the desired change. As you read on page 1, the HC has outlined their responsibilities and goals. The AAB has done this as well.

Up to this point, the AAB has had active alumni involvement with about half of the chapter officers. One of our short-term goals is to increase involvement so that all of the undergraduate (UG) officers have an ongoing alumni contact or mentor. Since there are comprehensive resources available to assist us in the form of manuals, guidelines, standards, references, etc., much of our activity to date has focused on implementation of the program and establishing links to the UG chapter.

Our ongoing goals are straightforward. We will 1) support of the UG officers in the execution of their duties, 2) help them develop procedural mechanisms to work more efficiently, 3) ensure the smooth transition of undergraduate officers and 4) incorporate all of our activities into a solid fraternity education program.

Each mentor will work with a specific UG officer. Along with the UG officers, the mentors are expected to 1) participate in a regular planning meeting (retreat), 2) have weekly contact with the officers, 3) assist the UG officers with the preparation of a written monthly report of activity, 4) review officer standards and 5) work together to establish goals and a plan to accomplish the goals.

A list of the current mentors is included on this page. If you are interested in mentoring one of the open offices, or just want to learn more about the AAB, **please contact Luke Taiclet '82 Z920 at [lxt2@psu.edu](mailto:lxt2@psu.edu).**

Yours In ZAX,

The AAB Steering Committee  
Luke Taiclet '82 Z920, Chair  
Ken Burk '80 Z944  
Scott Alderfer '85 Z1015  
Ken Termini '87 Z1038

## Our 76-year-old House Needs Your Help

I prefer to look at the financial status of Zeta Zeta from the viewpoint of the collective, or combined if you wish, status of both the undergraduate chapter and the House Corporation. The financial health of one affects the financial health of the other, and it is important for us to work hand-in-hand. The financial status of both operations is stable. All bills have been and are being paid on time, and both entities are operating on a break-even basis.

### Undergraduate Chapter

Financial stability was restored through generous alumni support in the fall of '01 and into spring '02. Successful rush activity for several consecutive semesters has added to the roster of a business that is house bill-driven and has produced 41 residents for fall '02 and 40 residents for spring '03 — up from 35 and 29 versus a year ago. Reasonable financial budgeting and discipline practices are in place. A first glance at fall '03 indicates that the house may be at, or close to, capacity of 48 to 50 for the first time in many years.

Significant operating cost increases encountered and absorbed include liability insurance through the general fraternity up by 76 percent, natural gas for heating and hot water up by 70 percent plus a significant increase in the number of heating-degree days for this season versus the past two years. The per semester house bill remains competitive with dormitory and/or apartment accommodations.

Undergraduates electing non-resident status continue to pose a problem, but one that is diminishing. Non-resident status may be the only option with the house at, or near, resident capacity.

### House Corporation

As reviewed in the previous *Zeta Zephyr*, rental income received from the actives is consumed by our obligations for mortgage, taxes, insurance, database maintenance and other professional services on an annual basis. Physical plant needs for major maintenance, property upgrades and restoration needs of our 76-year-old chapter house are funded only by receipts from annual dues, contributions and participation in selected fund-raising activities.

From September '02 through March '03, about 176 brother alums, or about 20 percent of our total living membership, have paid their dues for 2003. Thank you. Of this number, 60 included a contribution with their dues payment. Thank you, again. It is also interesting to note that we now have five life members and eight making installment payments toward life memberships.

These statistics are of major concern. They say that we have not heard from about 715 of our brother alums, and we will make another appeal to attempt to reach this part of our population within the next few weeks.

The commemorative brick program for the new patio has produced needed usable funds over and above the cost of installation. At the moment, we have about 115 subscribers for a commemorative brick, including those subscribing on the installment plan. The current configuration has space for 250 commemorative bricks; thus, we have room for another 135 alumni to participate.

Current projects committed total about \$14,900, which consumes all of our current available capital. It will take \$6,900 to renew the 76-year-old water supply to the house, not including the interior plumbing renovation, and \$8,000 for the fire prevention sprinkler system repair — a considerable amount of which is due to faulty installation. We may be able to recover some of this over time through legal action.

Other funds needed for summer major maintenance and restoration projects — about \$20,000 — are not now available. We need a reasonable response from those who have not yet paid their dues for 2003. It doesn't take a math major to figure out what our financial position would look like if every member of the House Corporation paid their nominal annual dues obligation.



### Henry J. Bailey '39 Z215

(3603 Stonehaven Dr. S.E., Salem, OR 97302-4690) I am a retired law professor (emeritus), but still have an office at Willamette Univ. College of Law and do a bit of legal writing in the commercial law area. I have been a widower for several years. I have four children and nine grandchildren. I spend the summers back east at Cape Cod, Mass.

### James L. Sumpter '39 Z297

(2055 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Apt. 109, Longboat Key, FL 34228) I play 18 holes of golf twice a week and bowl once a week with the Bind Key Yacht Club bowling league. I had 5-way bypass

heart surgery in Dec. 1999, but it hasn't slowed me down any.

### William W. Simpson '42 Z312

(1160 Bower Hill Rd., PH 16b, Pittsburgh, PA 15243-1378) I moved from my home in Upper St. Clair, Pa., to a condo in Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (both suburbs of Pittsburgh) — a move of only a few miles. I still have my condo in Naples, Fla. My health is reasonably good, and I still manage to play tennis and golf plus take occasional fishing trips.

### Charles H. Zendt '58 Z549

(1245 Westerly Pky., #45, State College, PA 16801; chzendt@bigfoot.com) I got

together for a week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last spring with **Marlin Troutman '58 Z550** and his wife, Dottie. We talked with **Dick King '58 Z553** for a condition report on Dick's wife, Ginny, who was recovering from having a knee replaced. Dick and Ginny planned to join Tiger and Marlin in Arizona for a week this spring.

### Thomas S. Lattomus '61 Z581

(618 E. Court St., Janesville, WI 53545; lattomus@ticon.net) I retired from Isuzu Motors American in July 2000 and am spending as much of the summer months as possible cruising with my

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# Alumni UpDates

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wife, Michele, in our Bayfield 32 Cutter on and around Lake Michigan. Except for the welcome return of the *Zeta Zephyr*, my only regular contact is **Dave Peffer '59 Z584**. I'm also retired from General Motors and from the Navy Reserve, 30 years each!

## **John M. Jourdan '63 Z633**

(127 Victoria Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1000; jourdanfun@aol.com) Living in Moss Creek Plantation in Hilton Head. I have been retired for over five years and play a lot of competitive golf (8 handicap). Body parts are still functioning. My mind is reasonably sharp. Women still can't get enough of me.

## **Richard R. Sharrer '68 Z734**

(2582 Oxford Rd., New Oxford, PA 17350) I have been married 32 years to my pin mate, Barbe. Ag Com, our fifth-generation family business, produces flour for Snyders of Hanover Pretzels and feed for Pilgrims Pride Turkeys and Bell and Evans Chickens. We are enjoying our new grandson, Josh. Tailgate with us at PSU football games.

## **Michael J. Gilotti '69 Z730**

(46 Meadow Rdg., Avon, CT 06001-3672; mjstar@hotmail.com) It was great to finally get back to the house for homecoming and to see **Chip Willis '71 Z777** and **Dick Sharrer '68 Z734** after so many years. And the house looks great! Special admiration for close friend and employee **Will Phillips '71 Z785** for his anonymous (not anymore!) purchase of a patio brick for another friend and brother, **Ed Vinink '71 Z787** — a classy move by Will for someone who did much for Zeta Zeta.

## **Willard B. Phillips '71 Z785**

(10125 Community Ln., Fairfax Station, VA 22039-2530) My daughter, Carol '06, made Penn State varsity cheerleader as a freshman and cheers at all the Penn State home football games and girls' volleyball matches at Rec. Hall. The highlight was cheering for more than 110,000 fans at the Nebraska game on Sept. 14. What a party!

## **Robert P. Vespa '72 Z810**

(8226 Elberta Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043-6663) At the Nebraska home football game, I had a tailgate party with **Rick Gunzburg '75 Z844** and his lovely

wife, Carol. I called **Mike Covol '73 Z820** at his home in Alpharetta, Ga., and told him he was missing a great time.

## **Thomas M. Gasbarre '82 Z966**

(10 Founders Way, Downingtown, PA 19335-4521; gasbarre@att.net) We're looking to organize alumni events outside of State College. Please respond with interest in helping with either a Philadelphia or Pittsburgh area event.

## **Bret J. Morgan '82 Z982**

(1045 N. Utah St., Apt. 410, Arlington, VA 22201-5753; bmorgan7@hotmail.com) I moved back to the East Coast after 6½ years in Southern California. I am currently completing an MBA program at George Washington University. After graduation, I hope to travel to State College more frequently. Go State!

## **Mark S. Golden '83 Z1020**

(513 Gordon Ave., Narberth, PA 19072; repforyou2@cs.com) I saw **Joe Wertz '76 Z880** at an Eagles game. Also saw **Tod Miller '85 Z1023**, **Marc Fox '83 Z978**, **Tony Spinelli '81 Z960**, **Scott Alderfer '85 Z1015**, **John Walton**, **Ed Sager '81 Z936** and **Randy Winters '84 Z998** at **Tom Gasbarre's ('82 Z966)** where we got a phone call from **Kevin Murphy '82 Z969** announcing the birth of his first daughter, Michaela. Congrats to Kevin and Beth!

## **Brian R. Helgesen '83 Z1009**

(621 Valley Stream Cir., Langhorne, PA 19053-1939; brh1@comcast.net) Congrats to the current brothers. The house looks great. Everyone needs to come back and take a look at the house as well as the new brick patio.

## **Edwin G. Whinney '84 Z1058**

(2401 N. Greensward Rd. A-1, Warrington, PA 18976; love2play9990@aol.com) Enjoying my time playing tennis, golf, and bowling.

## **Marc E. Myers '85 Z1014**

(1278 S. Pennsbury Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15205; melmyers@home.com) I have gone into business for myself as a commercial printing broker and advertise specialty items. I have also started classes online at the University of Phoenix to get my BS in IT.

## **Michael P. Carachilo '90 Z1144**

(349 Whitebirch Dr., Scranton, PA 18504) We had our first baby named Nino (a boy) and would like to hear from **Kevin Quinlan '90 Z1138**.

## **Robert G. Shaffer '90 Z1109**

(468 Bell Branch Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32259) I stopped by the house for the first time during the PSU-Michigan State game. The new brothers were very nice. I am married (a little over five years) and have two boys, Sam and Ben. **Matt Barrett '91 Z1137** lives down the street, and we get to golf a lot on our home course. I also keep in touch with brothers **Robert McCay '90 Z1116** and **James Myer '90 Z1112**. Would like to hear from **Kevin Quinlan '90 Z1138**, **Matthew Evans '90 Z1115**, **Brian McCoy '90 Z1105**, **Edmund Grafstrom '91 Z1153**, **Vincent Citarelli '91 Z1162**, **Richard Ward '90 Z1127** and the "twin towers."

## **Erik J. Wall '92 Z1175**

(317 Park Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520; ewall317@comcast.net) Prior to leaving my old job, Melissa and I spent six weeks backpacking through Europe. We recently toured Costa Rica, but are now settling down and expecting our first child in August of 2003. I recently completed my MBA in finance at LaSalle University.

## **Peter V. Mutolo '93 Z1176**

(4 Meadow Dr., Jericho, VT 05465; pete@mutolo.com) Moved to Jericho, Vt. — just 10 minutes from Burlington. Stop by for some skiing!

## **Gregory S. Sayuk '96 Z1240**

(25 Pinebrooke, Troy, IL 62294) We recently purchased our first home in a small town in Illinois. I am finishing my third year of residency in internal medicine at Washington University in St. Louis and plan to start a fellowship in gastroenterology. I am currently serving as chief resident at the John Cochran VA. Stacy went back to school to become a physician's assistant and is practicing in gastroenterology. No children yet, but we have an adorable "yorkie-poo" named Brittany Alexis. We hope to make our first trip back to PSU in a couple of years to see everyone!

## In Memory

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of

**George H. Espy '40 Z289** (8/31/02)  
**Donald S. Williams '42 Z323** (2/02)  
**James W. Eck '43 Z371** (6/27/02)  
**Duane Doty '44** (10/02)

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