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The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

Zeta Zeta Turns 90

By Tom Gasbarre '82, Chairman
Alumni House Corp

We will be marking the 90th anniversary of the longest continuing chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at the Homecoming ceremonies on Oct. 4, 2003. This is no small accomplishment for a number of reasons.

Every chapter founded by the General Fraternity prior to Penn State, closed or was closed due to mismanagement by the actives, the alumni or a combination of the two.

Nationally, the general fraternity (as well as most fraternities) has experienced a shrinking total population as well as a declining number of chapters. We ourselves had one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel just a few years ago.

Yet here we stand ready to blow out the birthday candles. I thank each of you who contributed to the cause these past few years. I thank all the members of our active chapter, our alumni advisory board and our house corporation.

Please try to stop in for (even a portion) of our Homecoming events (please see the RSVP section of the "What's New with You" sheet). You just might be amazed at whom or what you'll see. ■

2003 PSU Football Schedule

(home games in bold)

Sat., Sept. 27	Minnesota, TBA
Sat., Oct. 4	Wisconsin, 12:00 p.m. (homecoming)
Sat., Oct. 11	at Purdue, TBA
Sat., Oct. 25	at Iowa, TBA
Sat., Nov. 1	Ohio State, TBA
Sat., Nov. 8	at Northwestern, TBA
Sat., Nov. 15	Indiana, TBA
Sat., Nov. 22	at Michigan State, TBA

Spirited

Reunion

By Kenn Haas '53 and Bill Rae

Good Food, Great Friendships at State College, Pa., Reunion

On May 29 through June 1, there was a significant gathering of brothers in State College, Pa.

Bill Lindsay '53 and Carl Lunde '54 had the idea for the reunion for the classes of '53, '58 and '63. Respectively, it was their 50-year, 45-year and 40-year reunion.

In addition to Lindsay and Lunde, other members of the committee were: **Ned Book '54, Earl "Cub" Davis '55, Bill "Tiger" Davis '54, Riggs Griffith '58, Kenn Haas '53, Al Kutz '53, Ed Land '52, Dick "Spook" Parsons '54, and Bill "Satch" Rae '53.** The active chapter was represented by **Andy Miller '04, High Alpha, and Adam Sheppard '04, High Rho.**

A deluge of Email messages and telephone calls ensued crafting an itinerary of events commingled with University activities and supporting materials prepared.

As the AXA anthem ("We're All Good Fellows") reminds us, "From North and South and East and West is found our faithful band." The words hold true. Participants descended upon 351 E. Fairmont Ave. from all points on the compass. Brothers showed up from 15 states, including Washington and Florida, Massachusetts and Texas, Virginia and Colorado, to name a few.

Forty-five brothers participated: two from the '40s, 42 from the '50s, and one from '62, representing Zeta numbers 303 through 607.

An excellent menu was available for three events held at the Chapter House.

- Thursday Evening: Cocktail Party and Buffet. The main game was "can you identify the person coming through the door". Bi-focals and a sneak peek at a name tag was helpful as many have joined the 50 to 100 pounds plus club and have less hair to comb.
- Friday Noon: Lunch
- Sunday Morning: Brunch

It is to be noted that a loaf of bread and peanut butter and concord grape jelly were available at all Chapter House Events. And, someone actually made a PB & J sandwich for old times sake?

A well-attended banquet and program were held Saturday evening at Days Inn (see group photo on page 2).

What we knew as the Maple Room is now known as the Doty Room. It was turned into memory lane. A complete exhibit of period photos, programs, paddles and other memorabilia was displayed.

The new commemorative brick patio was well inspected. Old songs were sung. Fond memories were revived.

It has been said that one picture is worth a thousand words. The photos included in this issue exemplify this statement.

If you missed this reunion, shame on you! You missed a wonderful experience and the lasting strength of lifetime fraternal brotherhood. ■



All from '58: Don Gray, Ed Springman, Charlie Zendt, Riggs Griffith, Bill Mahoney, Marlin Troutman.

Alumni Reunion
2003



Zeta Zeta Chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 2003 Alumni Reunion



HERE'S THE SCOOP
Marty Kumer '56 - Warren "Wedge"
Maurer '55



CHECK THIS OUT!
Skip Hartman '58 - Don Gray '58



Solving World Problems
Dave Bechtel '53 & Chuck "Bambi" Wolf
'56



CURRENT TROOPS UNDER INSPECTION

Andy Miller '04, High Alpha - Adam Sheppard '04, High Rho - Bill Lindsay '53, Reunion Chairman



A PURPLE GREEN & GOLD THANK YOU

Bill "Satch" Rae '53 - Ned Book '54 - Bil Lindsay '53

Comparing Notes

Lowell "Pete" Hammer '50 & Paul "Rich" Ellenberger '51



Brother Brothers

Bill "Tiger" Davis '54 & Earl "Cub" Davis '55



WAR STORIES

Dick "Spook" Parsons '54

EARLY '50s MIXTURE

Bill Lindsay '53 - Ed Land '52 - Bill "Satch" Rae '53 - Gene "Sarge" Chomicky '54 - Bill "Tiger" Davis '54 - George Eden '53 - Dave Bechtel '53



AT THE BANQUET

Yes! There is less hair to comb!

Report

By Dan Sheakley '04
Z1407, House Manager

Feeling At Home in the Chapter House

If you haven't stopped by the chapter house lately, now is the time to do it. Within the last two years, many projects have been accomplished, and many improvements have been made. Before you even enter the chapter house, you will notice the changes. A new front walkway has been installed. The old chapter bricks have been relocated to the center of the brick patio on the side of the house. Surrounding the old chapter bricks are the engraved bricks supplied through the "Buy a Brick" fund-raising program. At the end of this summer, the paving of our parking lot was completed, and we now have 32 parking spaces, including two guest spots and a spot for our cook.

As soon as you step in the front door, you will be able to notice the improvements. The wooden floors have been refinished and have a beautiful shine. Thanks to **Ned Book '54** and his wife, we have new lounge chairs and end tables throughout the living room, giving it a much more "at home" feel than in the past. New carpets were installed, which gives the house a much classier look. The floors in the library have also been refinished and are looking great. Both floors in the chapter room and sidecar have been replaced also.

In November 2001, we replaced the hot water tank, and this spring, a new water line was installed. This ensures no one will ever have to take a cold shower with little water pressure.

Two rooms had major improvements done over the summer. Room 17 had a wall knocked out into an old storage closet, making the room much larger. Also, room 5 was completely renovated. The walls were stripped down to the studs and replastered with wood paneling. The closet was rebuilt, and new windows were installed. Other minor improvements included new doors and ceiling fans.

It is hard to describe how great the chapter house looks. You really must see it in person. Thanks to the hard work of both our alumni and undergraduates, I'm proud to be living in one of the nicest houses at Penn State. ■

Brothers in the News

Brother Makes Us Proud With Hall-of-Fame Induction

Warren L. Maurer '55 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in May. The honor recognized his 38 years as an executive with Westinghouse Broadcasting Company in cities around the northeast and his efforts in various community projects. Although Warren "retired" in 1994, he is still hard at work with what is now Westwood One, the nation's largest provider of radio programming services.

Way to go, Wedge!

Highlights

By Adam Sheppard '04 Z1382, High Rho

Brotherhood is Central to this Year's Events

What a momentous year 2003 has become. I am honored to have been involved in two amazing events since I took over the position of High Rho. The first event took place over the summer, when I was invited to be a guest at the brothers' reunion for the classes of the 1940s and 1950s. The reunion was an absolute success, with close to 50 brothers attending, as well as one from the '60s who just happened to be in town for another reunion. Many of the men had not been out to the chapter house in decades. It was amazing to see so many brothers reunited after so long.

The second event that will be occurring in 2003 is the homecoming celebration on Oct. 4. For the past couple of years, we have celebrated special occasions over homecoming, and this year will be one of the biggest to date. This year, we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Zeta-Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha. That's right, our chapter is turning 90, and on Oct. 4, we are going to celebrate with as many of you in attendance as possible. For years, the active brotherhood and the alumni house corporation have been working to restore the chapter house to its former glory, and the house now stands in a condition that we can all be very proud of. I hope you will all come out with your families to enjoy the football game, enjoy the chapter house, see old friends and celebrate a great anniversary in the history of Zeta-Zeta. ■

Activities

Update

By Andy Miller '04,
Z1366, High Alpha

Looking Ahead at Zeta Zeta

There is a lot going on this fall in the Zeta Zeta. We are pleased to have a full house with 48 brothers living here this semester. Thanks to the donations of the Alumni Association, the chapter house has significantly improved. Our fall recruitment period has begun, and we are all working with our rush chair, **Josh Cierski**, to find the best new candidates for Lambda Chi Alpha membership. Unfortunately, we have a lot of brothers graduating this fall and spring, so we are all working hard to have a successful rush.

This fall, we are pleased to announce the First Annual Zeta Zeta Watermelon Bash. This philanthropy on Sept. 28 will benefit the Lambda Chi Alpha North American Food Drive. Our philanthropy chair, **Mike Strzelecki**, is working hard to make this event as successful as possible.

Zeta Zeta has been extremely involved in the Penn State Dance Marathon over the past few years. Last year, our members raised \$72,000 as an unpaired organization, placing 3rd overall among all paired and unpaired Greek organizations. This year, we are excited to begin our new Thon partnership with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, and we hope to raise as much money as possible for the Four Diamonds Fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the Zeta Zeta Thon efforts, please contact **Dan Sheakley** at dns132@psu.edu.

Please feel free to stop by and visit the chapter house this fall during football weekends. Also, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming. ■

James L. Sumpter '39

(2055 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Apt. 109, Longboat Key, FL 34228-3253) I had my 83rd birthday on May 4, 2003. I'm still in good health, but I gave up golf after playing for 80 years. I am on the Web site of the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C. I was in the war for five years and served as Battalion Infantry Commander in 3rd Army with General Patton. I ended up a Lt. Col. after being drafted as a Buck Private.

Ralph E. Peters '48

(402 Candlewyck Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011; rpeters@benatec.com) Congratulations. Keep up the good work.

William E. Lindsay '53

(5912 Munson Ct., Falls Church, VA 22041-2400; christine_gallo@hq.dla.mil) A great reunion for brothers from classes of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s was held at the chapter house from May 29 to June 1. The alumni corporation and the actives gave outstanding support to this reunion of 45 brothers from all parts of the United States. Thanks to all brothers who attended and assisted.

Frederic A. Thompson '56

(91 Nathaniel Rd., Holland, PA 18966; fatert@aol.com) Had a great time at the Penn State reunion. Thanks to Bill Lindsay '53 and Kent Hass '53 for a great job putting together the reunion for the Lambda Chi brothers of the 1950s. It was great to see all the old fellas, and everyone looks the same!

James D. Rhoads '59

(3906 Moyer Ave., Crestwood, PA 19606-3035; coupe670@aol.com) On June 30, I retired from Dorma.

Robert W. Stewart '59

(424 S. First St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865-1904) I am retired and loving every minute of it. Fishing is my passion, and I enjoy it whenever I can. I am an active volunteer serving in the Boy Scouts, my community and my church council. Whatever time I have left I spend with my two grandsons, and I do find time for my lovely wife of 42 years, Lillian.

David J. Peffer '60

(14584 Blueberry Ct., Addison, TX 75001; capnpeff@comcast.net) I've been retired for 10 years, and I'm just beginning to

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Report

By Bill Rae '53, Alumni Corporate Controller

Chapter Remains Financially Stable

Our financial situation for the alumni corporation and the active chapter remains the same as reported in the financial update included in the recent football bulletin. That is, healthy and stable, with all bills paid in full and on time. Reasonable budgets are in place and we expect financial stability to continue.

This update also makes the repetitive point that the rent received from the Active Chapter covers the annual operating expenses of the Alumni Corporation. And that we are totally dependent upon the payment of annual dues and contributions for major maintenance and renovations of our 76 years old physical plant.

Our alumni records office, Affinity Connection, maintains our income records on an operating year of Sept. 1 through Aug. 31, consistent with the standard academic year. Here's how we looked at the closing of this operating year compared to a year ago.

2003-04

- **Annual Dues:** 229 members paid dues this year vs. 119 a year ago. That's 24.9 percent compared to 12.7 percent of our available membership of 934. We now have seven paid life members and eight members making installment payments toward life memberships. Let's set a goal of at least 50 percent for 2004.
- **Contributions:** 89 contributions vs. 98.
- **Patio Bricks:** We now have a total of 135 with the addition of 47. Plenty of space remains for anyone who may be interested.

Our income, over and above the \$72,000 annual rent, is as follows:

• Dues:	\$14,300	
• Contributions:	\$6,245	
• Patio Bricks:	<u>\$7,637</u>	(includes installment plan payments)
Sub total:	\$28,182	
• Other income:	<u>\$6,045</u>	(parking lease, fees and past due rent)
Total income:	\$34,227	

Our spring/summer 2003 improvements and major maintenance included:

• Renewal of Water Supply:	\$6,700
• Interior Maintenance and Renovations:	\$16,448
• Compressed Concrete Sidewalk:	\$5,260
• Paving and Line Painting:	<u>\$5,928</u>
Total:	\$34,336

To those who chipped in to make this possible - thank you. For those who have not yet chipped in, we would really appreciate hearing from you. Your participation will make a difference.

Please note that with our alumni records office beginning its 2004 operating year on Sept. 1, 2003, all funds received after this date will apply to the annual dues for 2004 and any amount over and above the annual dues requirement will be applied to contributions. Patio bricks will continue to be handled as a separate and ongoing matter.

Annual dues remain the same as last year. The official annual dues notice for 2004 will be mailed mid- to late October, similar to any other type of fraternal or service organization. ■

Alumni UpDates

enjoy it. Sailing a lot both here and chartering in Greece, the British Virgin Islands and Puget Sound. Our two grandkids in Seattle keep us young.

Rodney E. Rightmyer '60
(108 Bernhart Ave., Reading, PA 19605-2916; hacknflash@yahoo.com) I retired after 31 years with Dana Corporation. I have been in e-mail contact with **Dave Peffer '60** in Texas.

Maxwell B. Mascia '64
(8 Florence Dr., Manorville, NY 11949; gobomax@aol.com) I retired from teaching in 1997. I just bought a home in New Bern, N.C., for the winter months. Golf is my passion. I have a two-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter and two boys. I'm still managing the Westhampton Beach Village beaches on Long Island. All brothers are welcome!

Edward F. Stoloski '70
(5 Leslie Pl., Newtown, PA 18940-1732; eddjb@aol.com) I am still attending most home games and can usually be found with **Sandy Sanders '69** and **Jan Jeffries '68** at Dick DeFluri's tailgate by the visitor's center. My daughter just completed her senior season as a member of the Penn State women's gymnastics team. Hope to see some guys at Homecoming.

Dale F. Carnegie '74
(2301 Alava Ct., Waldorf, MD 20603-3211; carnegies@comcast.net) Since September 2001 I have been extremely busy at work and did not inform anyone that my daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Penn State in May 2002. She was a member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority and participated in many "canning" drives for 'Thon. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in education. I am looking forward to the upcoming football season and visiting the house after a 30-year hiatus.

Guy D. Infield '74
(2231 Deerfield Ave., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575-5417; gdi1952@aol.com) My son turns 14 and is an honor student. He wants to go to Penn State.

Marc J. Fox '83
(256 Thornridge Dr, Thorndale, PA 19372; mjfox978@comcast.net) I finally got tired of working for someone else and started my own logistics consulting firm. The only

thing I will miss about my former employer is visiting Texas and getting together with **"Mugsy" Milone '83**. I have recently seen **Dan Willett '86**, **Randy Winters '84** and **Kevin Murphy '82**. I would like to hear from big brother **Dale Yanocha '79** and little brother **Fred Franco '83**.

Edwin G. Whinney '84
(2401 N. Greensward Rd. A-1, Warrington, PA 18976; ednkenza@aol.com) Had a baby boy Sept. 10, 2002. At the end of June, we left for a family cruise to Bermuda. I would like to hear from **Carl Zebrowski '87**, **Dean Maurer '85** and **Jeff Hare '86**.

William J. Reynolds '89
(310 Sawmill Rd., Strasburg, PA 17579-9727) I accepted a new position as maintenance manager at Cromby Generating Station in March. Meghan, 8, and Jessica, 5, are doing great in school, but it is getting tougher to keep up with them. Little sister KB and I have been married 11 years, and it is awesome as always. I still enjoy racing vintage motorcycles including tracks in Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio on a part-time basis. I would like to get back in touch with roomie "Booger" and **Jeff Albert '93**.

Jason A. Stupak '90
(506 Linden Ct., Mars, PA 16046-7168; nittanystu@yahoo.com) I am now living in Pittsburgh with my wife, Sherry, and two sons, Jake and Ben. I work for AIM Investments out of Houston, Texas, covering Pennsylvania and upstate New York. I would like to hear from **Dave Hosford '91**, **Chris Jones '91** and **Rick Ward '90**. I keep in touch with **Brian Roper '92** and **Jim Brennan '91** on a regular basis for comic relief, and I would like to hear from many old friends. The house looks great, and I am proud to see the tradition of our house thrive.

Jeffrey F. Albert '93
(136 NE 167th Street, Shoreline, WA 98155-4947) I just bought a house north of Seattle.

John S. Hutcheson '95
(46 Lawhorn Rd., Stafford, VA 22554; jjhutcheson@msn.com) I just finished my master's degree in communication at the University of Washington, and I am now stationed at the Pentagon in the Air Force

Office of Public Affairs. I'm looking forward to going to a Penn State home football game for the first time in eight years. See you guys there.

Joseph A. Zay '95
(9 Augustine Blvd., Middletown, DE 19709) Just put my house on the market, and we purchased last year. The real estate in Delaware is insane! My brother Derek is a sophomore at Penn State. I hope to visit him and the house. Hope to see some old friends when I am there.

Matthew J. Pokorny '96
(P.O. Box 4171, Breckenridge, CO 80424; pokorny@psualum.com) I got married on June 6 in Golden, Colo., to Sarah Strait. Brothers **Greg Sayuk '96**, **Marshall Barclay '95**, **Dan Good '96**, **Scott Crull '96** and **Jason Alcantara '96** attended. It was great seeing everyone, and Sarah and I enjoyed our honeymoon to Key West. Now that the wedding planning is over, we look forward to more time for fun. Look us up on your next ski trip to Colorado!

Thaddeus S. Kocuba '01
(1412 Dalmation Pl., Apt. T3, Belcamp, MD 21017; thadrules1xa@yahoo.com) Work is sending me all over the place. I have already been to Phoenix for a week, and I missed Arts Fest because they sent me to San Antonio for a week. I am moved to Belcamp, Md., in August. It is about 60 miles south of Philadelphia on Interstate 95. The only brother I have seen recently is **Sam Ray '01**. We went to Fells Point in downtown Baltimore and had fun at the bars. The highlight of the night was at a pub called Crabby Dicks. We ordered the crab balls, and the waitress said they come with "seaman" sauce. We did not stop laughing for at least half an hour. See some of you in the fall.

In Memory

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

Richard W. Haag '39 (11/02)
Carl E. Maier Jr. '43 (6/24/02)
Paul J. Aicher Jr. (8/19/02)

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