



The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

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High Alpha

Ready for Another Great Year

By Dan Sheakley '05

It's about that time again. Classes will be starting soon, football weekends are close enough to count the days and another great semester for Zeta Zeta is about to begin.

We would like to congratulate our newest five brothers on their initiation this past semester: **Eric Blood, Santino Stenta, Jason Hicks, Dan Corrado and Jay Adams** are now part of our lifelong bond as brothers of Zeta Zeta. With the addition of these gentleman, we now have 73 undergraduate brothers.

In the last issue of the *Zeta Zephyr*, we reported about our participation in the Penn State Dance Marathon (Thon), a student-run philanthropic event that raises funds to help families with children who have cancer. The final tally was not available for that edition at press time, but we have the numbers now. Paired with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, we raised \$170,410, which ranked us as the third-highest-producing organization.-

From an academic standpoint, Zeta Zeta had a 3.19 GPA for spring semester '04. This ranked us fifth among all the fraternities at PSU.

The list of upcoming events to which the chapter is looking forward includes our second annual Watermelon Bash, homecoming week and Greek Sing. Our new philanthropy, the Watermelon Bash, raises money for the national food bank through different games and activities all including watermelon in one way or another. Our homecoming week will be spent with the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega. As usual, we will be having our post-football-game reception at the chapter house with all alumni welcome! Hope to see everyone there! ■

Financial

Update

By Bill Rae '53, Alumni Corporate Controller

We Need More Participation

Undergraduate Chapter

The undergraduate chapter has produced excellent rushing results during the past five to six semesters. This has meant resident occupancy at or close to full capacity for the past four semesters, which has resulted in reasonable operating budgets for a business that is house-bill driven.

Good financial practices are in place, and the undergraduate chapter operated within budget for the period ending December 31, 2002, and under budget for the past three six-month periods.

The net result is that the finances of the undergraduate chapter are stable. All bills are paid on time, and a reserve account has been established that will be used for improved and upgraded chapter operations as appropriate.

The financial outlook for fall 2004 is favorable. We will again be at full resident capacity, with a non-resident waiting list. A major goal is a successful fall rush to replace the 14 brothers who graduated in May 2004.



The Brothers' Lounge has been renovated with new lighting, ventilation and floor coverings.



The complete exterior of the house was painted this summer. The wood is in great shape, but the chimneys and roof will need attention in the near future.

Alumni Corporation

The basic alumni corporation operating obligations are stable. The rent received from the undergraduate chapter covers the major expenses for the mortgage, taxes, insurance, database maintenance and our annual communications plan.

We do, however, need better alumni participation in the areas that fund our ability to
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Homecoming

2004

By Tom Gasbarre '82, Alumni House Corporation Chairman

Hope to See You at Homecoming, October 23!

This *Zeta Zephyr* is packed full of articles, updates, photos and alumni news, so I'll keep this short.

The undergraduate chapter is doing an outstanding job in continuing our legacy at Penn State. The alumni house corporation and the alumni advisory board continue to help our undergraduate brothers toward their goals and continue to bring our beloved chapter house back to its earlier magnificent appearance.

A fair number of our alumni brothers continue to pitch in and provide the necessary funding for these endeavors. Thank you! ■

The only thing missing ... is YOU. Come to homecoming and see what we all have accomplished over these past four years. See some old friends, enjoy the moment and start the process of reconnecting our alumni network. Please RSVP as early as possible. (Even if you can't attend this year, just take two minutes and provide us with your current information and how you are.)

All of this helps us continue our goal of bringing you more and different opportunities to get together with old and new friends at the chapter house and in our own geographic locations. ■

Rho

Y'all Come and See Us

By Kyle Simon '05, High Rho, Alumni Correspondent

With another change from summer to autumn comes another exciting year of Penn State football. Some of the best parts about football season are the tailgates, the opportunity to catch up with alumni, and a chance to be together as a brotherhood and show our pride in the athletics at Penn State. We would like to welcome the alumni to visit with us at home games, park their cars in the back 40 and wait out the postgame traffic while meeting or catching up with some undergraduates and other alumni.

In addition to the festivities following all the home games, there will be a special homecoming reception immediately following the Iowa game on October 23. Please be sure to stop by the house and meet some of the new faces of the brotherhood, as well as some of the other alumni. We are anticipating a good turnout from all eras. ■

Manager

Report from the House Manager

By Joshua Surdykowski '06

Largely due to the generous and well-managed alumni contributions over the past four years, improvements to the house continue to make it a more attractive residence and gathering place for all. Looking forward, our undergraduate emphasis is on improving communication with the alumni board in order to ensure a continuation of this positive trend as we work to both upgrade the property esthetically and adapt it to the modern needs of our ever-increasing residential population.

Our recent undertakings have been targeted at the bottom floor of the house, where we look to update the brothers' lounge in an effort to provide members with a nicely decorated and smaller common area for the daily interaction and friendship that help cement our brotherhood. We are also planning to upgrade the boiler room so that it can become more functional for laundry and storage.

As the current undergraduates, we appreciate the guidance and efforts of the alumni board and the other alumni who offer their professional, personal or financial support. The return on this assistance is already partially evident in some of the improvements to the physical plant; however, there are many things that still need to be accomplished.

We appreciate your support over the past years, as well as in the future. You are a vital component as we look to improve the facilities to better serve the ever-growing membership of our brotherhood — both undergraduate and alumni — and further promote and convey the bond, undergraduate experience and principles for which Lambda Chi Alpha – Zeta Zeta and The Pennsylvania State University stand. ■

Pi

By Riggs Griffith '58

A Change in High Pi Status

Ned Book '54 and I have been serving as high pi for the past couple of years. We have been "unofficial" in that we were not registered with international headquarters in that capacity. The dual responsibility has worked reasonably well since we both are out of town frequently but somehow coordinated our absences so that one of us could attend meetings. This coming fall semester we are contemplating a change in that arrangement. If the undergraduates agree, and it is their choice, I will take on the duties of high pi in an official capacity for at least the coming year. Ned will backstop me, particularly as need arises while I am in Florida during February and March.

Ned and I have been searching for a younger (at least younger than us) guy to take on the high pi role for a more extended period. We believe continuity is important, as displayed in the past with the likes of Sam Auker and Duane Doty, both non-Penn Staters, who each served for several years. We believe youth is vital in that it provides a better feel for what today's undergraduates are all about. We keep looking and ask that you contact us if you think you know of someone who might fit the bill.

There is much to be done in the year ahead in terms of continuing the progress made by the undergraduate chapter in the past few years. We have a great base to build on and a group of young men who show great promise. That is not to say that significant strides don't still need to be made in some areas. Plans are underway to address some, if not all, of the issues that need improvement. The culture we face today is a difficult one, and we can only hope to change some things one step at a time. If we find it useful to call on any of you for some help, we hope you will step up to the plate and provide it. ■

Update

By Kenn Haas '53

'50s Family Get-Together and Reunion Set for May 2005

After a very successful Lambda Chi reunion in May 2003 at Penn State, it's time to have another go. This time it will be in Washington, D.C., at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel on May 5-9, 2005. Brother Skip Hartman '58 will be our charming host for the affair. Some of us may remember we met there over 10 years ago for a similar reunion.

It will be another opportunity to renew old and enduring friendships, see brothers who missed the last reunion and go sightseeing in our nation's capital.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, May 5: Welcoming cocktail party

Friday, May 6: Morning coffee in American Sea Grille, sightseeing in Washington, tour on your own itinerary, afternoon cocktails

Saturday, May 7: Morning coffee in American Sea Grille, discussion about the chapter house and finances, tour on your own itinerary, evening banquet

Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day brunch, tour on your own itinerary, farewell cocktail party

Monday, May 9: Check out

You are invited to bring as many family members and guests as you can squeeze into that SUV. You can also select the amount of time that you want to be in Washington and remain for one, two, three or four nights. We will provide additional information in September and will follow up with a reservation request in January 2005. Please let us know if you think you can attend, and give us any suggestions for activities.

We look forward to seeing you in May. ■

Financial Update

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meet our obligations to maintain, repair and make necessary improvements to the chapter house; i.e., dues, contributions and patio-brick purchases. Virtually every dollar received from these efforts goes back into the chapter house, which had been neglected for quite a few years prior to 2001.



The Chapter Room has been renovated with new lighting and ventilation and removal of the old cooler system. This should alleviate any dampness on the ground floor.

Maintenance, repair and improvements completed this summer totaled about \$22,700. This results in a total of \$99,251 that has been put into our physical plant since 2001 without incurring additional debt. A huge 'thank you' goes out to all participating alumni who made this possible.

Our current list of physical plant matters that need to be addressed approaches \$25,000

at this time. Our alumni base is large enough to support our obligations for necessary maintenance, repairs and improvements. We do, however, need to show improvement in the number of brothers participating and in consistency of participation.

Here are a few facts to support this observation:

Our mailing list of living alumni averages 900. There are always a few additions and deletions on an annual basis. From September



A crew employed a cherry picker to paint the exterior. In total, \$25,000 went to improvements over the summer.

1, 2001, to June 9, 2004, 319 brothers — or 35.4 percent — have paid annual dues. About 50 percent of the brothers paying their annual dues also either made an additional contribution or purchased a brick, or both.

Here is the breakdown of those paying dues, by academic year

running from September 1 through August 31:

Academic year 2002 —
Dues paid by 115 brothers, or 12.8 percent.
Note: This does not include the 60 to 65 brothers who chipped in heavily during the 2000-01 bail-out situation.

Academic year 2003 —
Dues paid by 227 brothers, or 25.2 percent.

Academic year 2004 (through August 4) —
Dues paid by 221 brothers, or 24.6 percent.

Life memberships — 12, with 15 brothers making installment payments.

Commemorative bricks purchased — 151

One last point: We have been handling our maintenance, repair and improvements obligations on a hand-to-mouth basis. We really need to begin developing a reserve account to handle major needs such as the roof or boiler replacement. We can get there with increased participation and consistency of participation. ■



Main level floors received another coat of Polyurethane, the third in three years, which should ensure that the hard wood is adequately protected.

Still Available: Zeta Zeta 90th Anniversary Decanter Sets!

We have a limited number of decanter and rocks glasses from our homecoming celebration of the founding of Zeta Zeta. The set includes a decanter with Lambda Chi Alpha In Greek letters and two rocks glasses with the coat of arms and 90th Anniversary logo. Sets are \$25.00 each plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling. Please contact **Tom Gasbarre '82** at Thomas-gasbarre@ml.com to order.



Second Lambda Chi Alpha Golf Outing

The second Lambda Chi Alpha Golf Outing fell short of our expectations. Since only three individuals registered by the deadline, the event was cancelled.

The question begs to be asked, is there any interest for participation next year? We need to hear from you. The organizers are willing to expend the effort pulling together the logistics, but we need to know if there is a desire for such an event and that individuals will participate.

We are soliciting your input and recommendations. Please contact one of the organizers with your suggestions for next year's event, and respond to the following questions:

Time of year to host the golf outing:

Spring ___ Summer ___ Fall ___

Day of the week: Friday ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___

Location: State College ___ Philadelphia ___ Pittsburgh ___ Harrisburg ___
Baltimore ___ Other _____

Are you willing to organize the event in your area?

Yes ___ No ___

Other recommendations or ideas:

We need to hear from you in order to host activities that will draw your participation. Please contact one of the organizers listed below with your feedback. Thank you.

Paul Zimmerman '82
E-mail: Zimmermanpde@olg.com

Ted Oyler '83
E-mail: tjo@webdemand.com

Alumni UpDates

Ernest P. Black '31

(406 Water St., Warren, PA 16365) From Karen Black (daughter of Ernest): I am writing this for Dad, who is doing great at 95 years of age but doesn't see too well. His wife, and our mother, Rosa Black, died at age 96 last November. I retired to move in and take care of them in July 2003, so we're getting along fine, the two of us. Dad is still active and busy around the house.

Henry J. Bailey '39

On April 4, 2004, I turned 88 years old. I am still living in Salem, Oregon, and have an office at Willamette University's College of Law, where I do a bit of legal writing on the law of checks. I have been writing on this and other commercial subjects for some years.

Charles H. Zendt '58

(1245 Westerly Pky., #45, State College, PA 16801; chzendt@bigfoot.com) As a direct result of the '50s Reunion held in May 2003, I made arrangements to meet **Ed Springman '58** in Colorado to ski (Ed) and snowboard (me) for a week. We also skied with **Tom Hand '54** who is a part-time ski instructor at Copper Mountain. Tom is retired and lives in the Dillon, Colorado, area. We are already talking about a trip in 2005. Why not join us? Contact Ed or me.

Joseph J. DeMinico '62

(985 Troon Trace, Winter Spring, FL 32708-4319; jdeminicojr@cfl.rr.com) Visit my Web site at home.cfl.rr.com/joedeminicojr. I enjoy going to Gold's Gym three to four times a week to pump, sweat and lust! Golf occupies several days each week and, after 50 years, consistency still eludes me. I take a two-week ski vacation each winter — still doing Black Diamonds. My two daughters and five grandkids occupy most of my travel time, and my parents are still active and healthy. We're all collecting Social Security — isn't that a kick? Finally, I've gotten over all my "ought-tos" and "should-haves" resulting from failed marriages and frivolous exploits. It's a good feeling to know that "health is wealth."

Edward F. Stoloski '70

(5 Leslie Pl., Newtown, PA 18940-1732; eddjb@aol.com) I was just elected to the Penn State College of Education Board of Directors, so I will be making more trips to PSU for the next few years. My daughter, Julie, is graduating from PSU in May, and there is a good chance my youngest son

will attend in 2005. I visit with **Sandy Sanders '69**, **Dick Defluri** and **Jan Jeffries '68**, and we are at all of the home football games. Come find us at Dick Defluri's tailgate.

Robert Gillstrom '74

(9787 Pineneedle Ln., Williamsburg, MI 49690-9726) The old "Gillis" was just wondering what the old crowd is up to now. I would be happy to hear from Flumer, Pigpen, George and Dago.

Robert A. Kelso '76

(P.O. Box 1954, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023-1954; bobk@grandcanyon.school.org) I am now living in Grand Canyon National Park about a half mile from the South Rim. I'm principal of a K-12 public school with about 360 students. Any brothers coming out should give me a call.

Marc J. Fox '83

(256 Thornridge Dr., Thorndale, PA 19372-1060; mjfox978@comcast.net) I recently went to Durham, North Carolina, and visited with **Dan Willett '86**. I have also recently seen **Randy Winters '84**. I am proud to announce that little brother **Stephen Golden '85** and his wife, Colleen, are soon to be proud parents.

Scott A. Alderfer '85

(803 Seventh Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018-3707; saa2@lehigh.edu) I'm a licensed professional geologist. My daughter, Kailey, has just turned 1 year old.

Jeffery D. Hare '86

(4424 Murietta Ave., #3, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3452) I play golf (poorly) with fellow Lambda Chi **Brady Caverly '87** about once a week. I see **Dean Maurer '85** when I am back on the East Coast, and I went with Dean to one of the last Phillies games ever played at the Vet. I am a writer/director of movies. Currently, I

am directing Peter Falk, Laura San Giacomo, Judge Reinhold and David Paymer in a comedy called "Checking Out"; it should be ready for an early-2005 release.

Jason A. Stupak '90

(506 Linden Ct., Mars, PA 16046-7168; jstupak@lfd.com) I resigned from AIM Management on January 2, 2004, and accepted a new position with Lincoln Financial on January 5, 2004. I will be covering Ohio and western Pennsylvania for the American Funds annuity, American Legacy. I'm excited about a reunion with **Joe Angelelli '92**, **Brian Roper '92**, **Geoff Strunk '94**, **Jim Brennan '91**, **John Babyak '91** and **Mike Kelly '92**. Details to follow.

Edwin R. Miller '92

(5233 Apache Ln., Drexel Hill, PA 19026-4801; edkellmiller@comcast.net) Kelly and I just added our newest member to the family, Grace Anne, born March 29, 2004. Her brothers — Jake (7), Charlie (5) and Danny (3) — just adore her, as we do. I cannot wait to get back up to the house once the kids are a little more self-sufficient. ■

In Memory

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

William F. Bastian Jr. '36
Ted Maier Jr. '43
Paul J. Aicher '50
Peter Lunde '53
Nathaniel Hamilton '54
Jay A. Best '56
John T. Strapple '80

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



Alumni enjoy the Zeta Zeta BBQ in Philadelphia in July. From left to right: Tom Less, Bill Rae, Ed Beard, Marc Fox, Tom Gasbarre, Ken Termini, Randy Winters, Kevin Murphy and Brian Helgeston.