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Alumni House Corporation 2004 Calendar

April 24, 2004

- Spring Meeting at the Chapter House
- Blue-White Game

April 2004

- Golf Outing Mailer Out

May 2004

- Philadelphia Summer Social Mailer Out

June 12, 2004

- 2nd Annual Zeta Zeta Golf Outing
- 11:30 AM tee-off, The Blue Course

July 10, 2004

- Summer Meeting at the Chapter House
- Arts Festival Weekend

July 2004

- Football Newsletter Out

August 2004

- Fall Zephyr (with Homecoming details) out

August 2004

- Philadelphia Summer Social. Time and place TBA

October 23, 2004

- Fall Meeting at the Chapter House
- Homecoming

October 23, 2004

- Homecoming at the Chapter House (cocktails, dinner, events)

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The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

Alumni

Report

Tom Gasbarre '82, Alumni House Corporation Chairman, Z966

House Corporation Team Enters Year Three of Plan

Welcome to the spring edition of the Zeta Zephyr. By now you have received the Awards Bulletin and the good news it offered. We are much improved but still have issues that need addressed. Please refer to **Bill Rae's '53** financial status article along with **Josh Surdykowski's '06** Physical Plant update.

We do have a lot to be proud of. Many brothers, both active and alumni, have contributed to the cause these last few years and radically changed what was a not-so-great situation. Two years ago, we rebuilt our financial house; last year we made great strides in restoring the physical house; and now in year three, it's time to put our brotherhood network back together. The primary goal this year is to rebuild the communications and benefits of being a brother of Zeta Zeta. We've asked for help, some of you have generously replied, and we have made preliminary efforts to hold events and reconnect ourselves. Thus far, we have contracted an annual communication plan, held Homecoming events, restarted the Golf Outing and aided the 50's reunion (all the work was done by the members of those classes, the House Corporation and the active chapter pitched in and helped out).

You will find in this issue that, as in the Awards Bulletin, there is a 2004 Calendar of Events. This schedule is to appear in every publication you receive with information updated in print and on the website <http://www.lxa-zetazeta.org/>. Added this year is the Philadelphia Summer Social. We understand it's not always easy to pick up and travel to State College, so we want to start with one city and offer a way for brothers and their families to get together for a few hours.

It's an increased undertaking for the House Corporation, especially when we haven't added many new volunteers recently. So, I urge you to contact me and "sign up for a hitch." My promise to you is that once you tell me what you can do and how much time you have to commit, I will find the job that matches your personal constraints. Enjoy the Zephyr! ■

THON

2004

By James McTigue '04, Zeta 1363

Always Believing

Lambda Chi has continued its successful participation in the Penn State Dance Marathon this year. As it's affectionately referred to by the students, "THON" requires a lot of work, but that effort is far outmatched by its rewards. As the world's largest student-run philanthropic event, THON raised \$3.6 million last year for children with cancer, impacting dozens of families.

Paired with the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Lambda Chi ranked among the top money-raisers for a third consecutive year. The countless hours we spend raising money for children who suffer from cancer is always repaid with their smiles and laughs during THON weekend. We hope in the future that all of you can share in what we have seen first-hand by visiting THON. We would like to thank the alumni for their support, both motivationally and financially during this THON season. ■



Enthusiastic THONers (from left) Dan Laurenzi '05, Jim McTigue '04, Jordan Goldhammer '04, AJ Jugan '04, Dan Sheakley '05.

Report

Dan Sheakley '05, High Alpha,
Z1407

Spring 2004 Update

As we move into the new year, things continue to look great. As our ELC said in his visit this past month, "You've got nothing to be but proud!" And that we are. We are proud to welcome 17 new members into our zeta. This past month, Brent Bauer, Andrew Brault, PJ Cranmer, Mike Daly, Joe Gallazo, Greg Hamilton, Brandon Hendrick, Ryan Hendricks, Will Hitchcock, Steve Ianucci, Matt Phillips, Matt Sheaffer, Kyle Simon, Mike Tarnoff, Kyle Winter, and Brian Yuhos were all

initiated as brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha.

We have also continued our excellent academic reputation this past fall. Our average GPA for both brothers and associates was an awesome 3.11. We hope to continue the upward trend this semester.

As THON is coming to a close, we are starting see for what all the hard work has been. Multiple visits with our family helps the chapter to see the reason for working so hard. Along with the sisters

of Alpha Sigma Alpha, we are hoping to be in the top five money-raisers here at Penn State. We are looking forward to the Greek Week competitions with the sisters of Pi Beta Phi and continuing our reputations as one of the houses to beat.

With recruitment this semester almost at an end, we are looking towards another stellar associate member class for this spring. We hope to see everyone up for the annual Blue-White Game. Feel free to stop by and see what all the talk is about! ■

Update

By Bill Rae '53 Z471, Alumni Corporate Controller
and Undergraduate Financial Advisor

What a difference three years makes!

We were demand insolvent at this time in 2001 and the choice we faced was to either turnaround or shut down. Turnaround was accomplished in record time, a little over one year, thanks to three main factors.

- Substantial alumni contributions and participation cleaned up most of the major past due balances and headed off an advertised sheriff's sale for unpaid taxes.
- The active chapter exercised the discipline to function within an austerity budget and clean up remaining past due balances.
- The active chapter has continually produced above average rushing results that supports an economy that is housebill driven and adds leadership qualities.

Both the Active and Alumni Corporation finances are stable today.

The Active Chapter resident occupancy remains at near house capacity. All bills are paid on time. They have been functioning within comfortable budgets and have developed a modest reserve account while maintaining above average scholastic achievement and participation in campus activities. They are recognized as one of the top fraternities at Penn State and have earned recognition from the International Fraternity.

The Alumni Corporation bills are paid on time and discounted where discounts are available. We have been able to make many necessary repairs and improvements to our chapter house without incurring additional debt. Every dollar beyond the major expenses of

mortgage service, taxes, and insurance has gone back into the house.

We are not, however, "out-of-the woods" as yet even though our finances have been stable. We continue to be saddled with a substantial inherited mortgage. The current balance is \$353,892, which is down from the original balance of \$398,000. Yes, we are still at the place where the bulk of our payments are applied to interest. Major maintenance requirements for our now 77 years old historic structure continue. We do have a modest reserve account established (ZPI), now at a puny four figures, that is not nearly sufficient to handle major expenses which are not in the distant future. We need to begin to build our reserve account to be able to handle major expenses such as roof replacement or boiler replacement, etc. Or even the eventual replacement of, or major addition to, our 77 years old "Granddame".

With the above thoughts in mind, the major goals before our Alumni

Corporation are:

- Reduce, or pay off, our open-ended mortgage to become unburdened by the current interest expense.
- Build the reserve account to a necessary balance.
- Turnaround the apparent existing apathy of a majority of our membership in participating in our financial affairs.

The Alumni Corporation income is based upon two factors. Rent from the active chapter and alumni participation in the annual dues, contributions, and the commemorative patio brick program. The current figures indicate that about 20% of our membership pays their annual dues obligation or have purchased life memberships. The same 20% that chipped in to make the turnaround we achieved possible. Which category are you in? The 20% who are carrying us or the 80% we need to become active to make a significant difference in helping us meet our goals? ■

Off

Golf Outing Date Set for June

The second annual Lambda Chi Alpha Zeta Golf outing is set for June 12, 2004 in State College. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We are returning to the Blue Course at Penn State for another day full of golf, laughs and brotherhood. The first tee time is planned for 11:30 a.m. on June 12. Sign up as a foursome or as an individual and we will pair you up. This year, we will continue the tradition of the infamous Lambda Ball competition. After the round, we will gather at Prospectors for drinks and dinner. More details (cost, deposits, hotel rates) will follow in a separate flyer next month.

To sign up, email this year's coordinators, Ted Oyler at TJO@webdemand.com or Paul Zimmerman at ZimmermanPDE@olg.com. ■

Our Chapter By Adam Sheppard '04 Z1382

Commemorate our 90th Anniversary

As most of you know, back in October over Homecoming Weekend we celebrated the 90th anniversary of the founding of our chapter. That's right, the Zeta-Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha is now 90 years old and we are offering you the opportunity to commemorate this anniversary even if you weren't able to join us for the celebration. At our Homecoming celebration we offered a commemorative glassware set to be purchased for those who attended, and now we are making the same offer to you. This glassware set includes three pieces: one decanter and two rocks glasses. All three pieces are clear glass with black writing. Printed on the decanter is our letters, and printed on each of the glasses is our coat of arms with "Lambda Chi Alpha" written in cursive about it and "Homecoming 2003" "90th Anniversary of Zeta-Zeta" written under it, also in cursive. This is a great set and an even better collectable; I can vouch for them as I own a set myself. This set of three glasses is being offered to you at a price of only \$35, a price that includes all packaging and shipping costs. To order you can send cash or a check made out to "Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity" along with your name and address to the following:

Adam Sheppard
351 East Fairmount Ave.
State College, Pa. 16801

Also, if you include your e-mail address or phone number with your order I will notify you when your set has been shipped. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at aes210@psu.edu. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime memento. We have a limited supply of sets and will not be ordering more so place your order soon before it is too late. ■

Our Chapter By Bill Rae '53 Z471

Commerative Brick Patio a Fine Addition

The commemorative brick patio looks great and is a fine addition to the Chapter House. The center of the patio is a collage of the stones from other chapters across the country that were originally inlaid in the front sidewalk and were salvaged when the sidewalk was replaced. The remainder of the patio is made up with red bricks with engraved brass inserts that display name, graduation year, and zeta number.

There are, at the moment, 132 bricks containing brass inserts that dress up the patio significantly. A dozen brothers have purchased a second brick in the memory of a deceased brother. One brick dates back to 1928 – Z152. There is plenty of room available for about an additional 200 bricks.

Please consider carving your name into the history of Zeta Zeta if you have not joined those who have. The donation: One brick at \$250; each additional brick at \$200. The proceeds are used to improve and/or upgrade the Chapter House. The installment plan is available for payment. Several brothers have taken advantage of this option for the purchase of their brick.

If anyone is interested, and we hope that you are, you will find an order form in your mailbox within the next two to three weeks. ■

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House Manager's Report

Growing Brotherhood Spurs Physical Plant Improvement

Joshua Surdykowski '06, House Manager, Z1417

As with other recent semesters, the number of in-house brothers remains high at 45. While this does mean tight quarters, we are able to budget more towards long-term improvements to the physical plant. The brothers' lounge, which in recent years had been used for storage, has been cleaned out and the pit annex has been organized. We are looking to tile the lounge and once again turn it into a usable room, to help offset some of the crowding within the second and third floors. Additionally, the hot tub has been removed due to insurance concerns, and we are looking into getting a second washer and dryer for the benefit of all. We anticipate that many of the newly initiated brothers will be moving in for the fall semester and look to continue to improve the physical plant to better serve the needs of our expanding brotherhood. ■

High Rho Report By Kyle Simon '05, Z1445

Another great year has come and gone—this past culminating with a late-year event during Homecoming week to celebrate the 90th year of Zeta Zeta. The evening was planned well with a time for alumni and actives to socialize followed by a dinner commemorating the 90th year of Lambda Chi Alpha at Penn State. It was great seeing alumni from long ago interact and share stories with actives.

With the close of winter comes the excitement of the events to come. As always, on Blue-White weekend, April 23-25, there will be some festivities to welcome home alumni. In addition, there is an upcoming golf outing. Both events will be all the more successful if the participation, by alumni and actives, surpasses the 90th anniversary celebration this past fall. So let us approach the upcoming events with excitement, anticipating the times we will have together as brothers. ■

Alumni UpDates

Ernest P. Black '31

(406 Water St., Warren, PA 16365) From Karen Black, daughter of Ernest Black. I am writing this for Dad. He is now 95 and reasonably well, considering he helps me see to Mother's needs; she's 96 and declining a bit. He likes to get the Penn State and LCA publications, even though not too many of his class are still around.

James L. Sumpter '39

(2055 Gulf of Mexico Dr., Apt. 109, Longboat Key, FL 34228-3253) The last issue of Zeta Zephyr was a very good issue. It was interesting to read about 90 years. I

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Alumni UpDates

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attended the 40th birthday weekend. Sorry to read about the death of **Dick Haag '39**. He and I toured the State of PA for 10 days in August 1938 on a Rushing Tour. Alumni gave us names and addresses of incoming freshmen that they considered "good" prospects for Lambda Chi pledges. We visited all of them and got a good class in the fall of 1938.

Henry J. Bailey '39

I spent two summer months back at Cape Cod in a cottage in North Chatham, MA, that my wife and I enjoyed. I have been a widower now for over five years and live in a retirement center in Salem, OR. I still have my office at Willamette University, College of Law and do some legal writing there. Otherwise, I'm retired.

Clyde S. Uber '41

(341 E. Jamestown Rd., #72, Greenville, PA 16125-9294) I was a pilot in the Air Force for five years and in July 1946 built and operated a bowling alley for 28 years. Also, I maintained a nursing home for 10 years. Now I'm retired.

Lewis J. Sharp '56

(1350 U.S. Hwy. 176 N., P.O. Box 1054, Tryon, NC 28782-1054) At age 18 (52 years ago), I suffered strep throat which went into a chronic kidney condition that has finally caused kidney failure. I am doing hemo-dialysis three days a week, so my ability to travel has been impaired. It requires making dialysis arrangements in advance at my destination, so we just enjoy day trips here. I would very much like to hear from **Ben Shields '55**. I lost track of him when he moved to California.

C. Edward Springman '58

(12501 Bell-Red Rd., Ste. 106, Bellevue, WA 98005-2509; cespringman@sherronassoc.com) The year 2003 was an exciting time for the Springman family. In January, Jane and I traveled to Bangkok, Thailand and from there to the Maldives Islands and the Indian Ocean. We got in some terrific scuba diving and sightseeing. In February, we had the opportunity to go the Dolomites in northern Italy for ten days of skiing. For those of you who are skiers, we highly recommend it. This past May, we spent a week in Cozumel scuba diving as well as motor biking around the island. The end of May found us back at Penn State for the reunion for the graduates of 1950. It was extremely well done. In June, we spent a week in Alaska fishing, where Jane caught a 200-pound halibut. We also hired a bush pilot and flew up to a couple of the glaciers for some terrific summer time skiing. In early July we headed to London and from there to Perth, Scotland, where we bicycled across Scotland to the Inner Hebrides Islands.

On our return, we had an opportunity to fly on the last supersonic flights from Heathrow to New York. In December, we planned to go to Bhutan and Northern Thailand for a month of climbing and trekking. We look forward to planning some skiing and scuba diving trips for 2004, so if anyone has any interest, give us a call. We would love to have the company.

Donald R. Monrad '63

(4419 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61614-6051) After 35 years working for Caterpillar, Inc., overseas and stateside, it was time to hang up the tracks. Mary Kay and I travel to Houston to see our five grandchildren, play golf, and putter around the yard. We married off our last son in June. Brother **Tom Conry '63** and his wife attended the festivities. Our best to all of you, and keep up the good work.

Kenneth J. Brinker '69

(25 Bedminster Rd., Randolph, NJ 07869-1215; kbrinker@optonline.net) At the end of 2001, I took early retirement from Pfizer. My most recent position was Senior Director Global Supply Chain Management. I am still competing in Masters Track & Field and won the high hurdles for my age group at the 2003 World Track & Field Championships in Puerto Rico. I can be reached by email at kbrinker@optonline.net.

Robert J. Capkovic '78

(7708 McHenry Cir. N., Germantown, TN 38138-2242) We were in town at Homecoming. You had a nice cocktail party and I wish we could have stayed for dinner.

Kenneth J. Termini '87

(527 Ash Wood Dr., Nazareth, PA 18064; ken.termini@frx.com) My family and I have recently moved to Nazareth, PA. Many thanks to the current group of undergrads who seem to be doing a great job, and many thanks to **Tom Gasbarre '82** and **Luke Taiclet '82** for their help and leadership on Alumni Corp. and AAB. I spoke to **Buddy Dean '88** and **Steve Golden '85** recently and would like to hear from Brothers from '82-'87, especially **Joe BeninCasa '88** and **Rob Weaver '88**.

Richard J. Ward '90

(2007 Willowood Dr., Royersford, PA 19468-1630; rjward3@comcast.net) My wife, Danielle, our children, R.J. and Gabrielle, and I moved into our new home in Royersford, PA in November. I also started a new job with Veritas Medicine assisting pharmaceutical companies with recruiting patients to participate in clinical trials for newly developed drugs. I would love to hear from any brothers in this area, as well as anyone from the late '80's and early '90's.

Kevin S. Quinlan '90

(207 W. Main St., Tuckerton, NJ 08087;

ksq@msn.com) In January 2003, I was sworn in for a four-year term as the Mayor of Tuckerton Borough in Ocean County, NJ. I am still working in my own law firm in Tuckerton Borough and serve as public defender in five towns. I have enjoyed getting together with many brothers from the house for the annual Myrtle Beach golf trip and would like to hear from **Michael Carachilo '90** and **Jim Ade '91**.

William J. Anderson '91

(195 Zinnia Ct., Sykesville, MD 21784; andy@columbiagymnastics.com) In October, Kristin, our son Derian, and I moved from our house in Sykesville where we lived for the last eight years to another house in Sykesville about two miles down the road. I also started a new job as Corporate Controller for ASG Security in September 2003.

Matthew E. Owens '93

(11109 Suffolk Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742) Candy and I just moved into the home we built in October. We have a daughter, Casey, who is 2-years-old and simply awesome. I haven't been good about keeping in touch with anyone, but would love to hear from some of the good ol' boys. I can't wait to get back to the house to see all of the improvements.

Jeffrey J. Cucchi '94

(81 Autumn Ridge Dr., Glassboro, NJ 08028-3107; jeffcu@comcast.net) On October 9, 2003, my wife and I celebrated seven years of marriage. My son, Jeffrey Vincent, turned 1-year-old on October 18, 2002. I would really like to hear from the classes of '92-'96. I put a trip together every year to Myrtle Beach and we usually get 10-15 brothers and it would be great to have more. This year we are going from April 29, 2004-May 2, 2004. If you're interested, just drop me an email. We have had guys from as far back as **Kevin Quinlan '90** and as recent as **Sam Carpin '01**. It's a great time to hang with the guys and relive some old memories. I wouldn't mind hearing from **Tim Ackerman '92**, **Todd Fleck '92**, **Chris Tarquinio '92**, **Brandon Gallagher '92**, **Scott Bidle '92**, **Doug Minnix '93** or **Joe Zay '95**.

Joseph D. Flores '96

(1200 Southwind Dr., Apt. 305, Chesapeake, VA 23320; joseph_flores@cox.net) On November 15, 2003, I got married to Joyce Ortega, and we spent our honeymoon in Tahiti.

Morgan D. Grindly '01

(627 Timberlake Dr., Chapin, SC 29036) Hello everyone. I've found a job in State College with Wienken & Associates working in the financial services industry. Looks like I'll be staying in State College for a while, so anytime you visit give me a call. Amanda and I are planning the wedding but just trying to get ideas (mostly). We are in the process of finding and setting a date. Take care, and I can't wait to see all of you again. ■