



The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

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UPCOMING

Homecoming 2006

October 21

vs. Illinois

2006-2007 Zeta Zeta Alumni House Corporation

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President and Corp. Controller*

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Glen Roberts '05

Jason Lenox

Kevin Murphy '82

Doug Burrill '02

Mike Skinner '96

* Denotes member of ZZ
Alumni Control Board.

Alumni House Corporation Remaining Vigilant, Providing Forward-Thinking Action and Planning

Newly Formed Alumni Review and Control Boards Clean House

The past year had more than its normal share of challenges for the Alumni House Corporation. As officers and directors of our alumni network, we know that every year poses old and new situations that must be dealt with. To their credit, the brothers serving with me have such an extensive track record, that not much comes as a surprise. Most times, we are busy trying to keep ahead of the influence that Father Time has on our 80- plus-year-old house.

Funding from our alumni and rent from the active chapter keep us current with the mortgage, taxes, and insurance; and it leaves us a small working capital account with which we can take care of one bigger project or a few small projects each summer. But larger projects (i.e., the chimneys, roof, and boiler), which certainly will need repair in the not too distant future, continue to be a source of concern as to where will we get the funds when needed. Another frustrating item is the slow retirement of the existing mortgage.

None of this is news, but it is the environment in which we work each year. Then we have a year like 2005-2006: once again we found the active chapter to be operating in a manner inconsistent with proper procedures. That's where past experiences provided us with the knowledge and tools to quickly and effectively fix the situation. Briefly, the active chapter membership had grown to over 100. They had many "hangers on," and the environment was more like a social club than the fraternity that most of us joined. Care for the house was non-existent, damages mounted, and the so-called active leaders would or could do nothing to correct the situation.

After getting approval from the general fraternity, we mapped out a game plan for improvement. The first step was the formation of an Alumni Control Board (ACB), which took control of chapter operations. To begin with, an Alumni Review Board (ARB) was formed and in February all active members were required to appear for an interview to

determine if they should remain brothers. Some did not even appear for their interview; they were removed immediately.

Of the actives who did interview, about 20% were found lacking enough in attitude and commitment for expulsion. In all, more than 30 members on the active roster were removed.

Next, the ACB moved active elections to coincide with the normal school year. Most of the previous active officers did not even run for their prior office or a new one. The active brothers elected an almost completely new High Zeta, which was approved by the ACB.

These new officers are primarily underclassmen, but what they lack in experience is more than recouped in their earnest desire to do the right thing and take care of the chapter. I am pleased and optimistic as we enter the new year.

It sure has been a long year. A few of us have spent an enormous amount of time and energy fixing a situation that could have been crippling had it persisted. But opportunity and crisis are often linked, and the opportunity that we have now should start to bear fruit soon.

We achieved a lot during the alumni work weekend in August. Much more could have been done if we had more guys show up, though. Special thanks to the active brothers that worked with us on many of the cleaning and painting projects.

What's needed right now is more alumni participation. Whether it's fixing up the house, having a reunion, or just reconnecting old ties—the more we interact, the better! We've been here now for nearly 100 years. Isn't there a little window of time over the course of your next year that you can set aside for Zeta Zeta?

The fall homecoming weekend events are detailed in this mailing. They begin with the fall House Corp. meeting at the chapter house (9 a.m. if regular kick-off, 10 a.m. if 3:30 game). A good start would be to see many of you at the meeting; I hope we will.

New High Alpha Looks Ahead to Challenges and High Hopes for the Future

Seven Active Members Travel to General Assembly in July

By Bryan Callaghan, High Alpha

Hello Brothers, I am the newly elected High Alpha of the Lambda Chi Alpha, Zeta Zeta chapter. All other officers were newly elected as well. The most encouraging aspect to this new board is our combined youth and energy. We have a great mix of guys who are going to do their best and help me perform my responsibilities as their leader. Together, we will make the best decisions possible for the house in the upcoming year.

First let me tell you a little about myself, I am a junior at Penn State. I was just accepted into the Smeal College of Business to study marketing. After a month in office I am

starting to grasp what is needed to keep Zeta Zeta as the longest standing Lambda Chi Alpha chapter.

On campus, Lambda Chi Alpha has a 3.2 house grade point average (GPA). This is the third highest average GPA out of 58 fraternities at Penn State. Our brotherhood remains close and everyone was excited to moving into the house at the beginning of the school year.

Seven officers attended the General Assembly this past July in Orlando, Fla.

We recently were informed that we will

be presented with The Tozier Brown Public Affairs Award for Outstanding Projects at the General Assembly. As a chapter, we raised \$175,553.55 for the Penn State Dance Marathon. The money we raised goes to The Four Diamonds Fund, which provides medical care for children with cancer. We are very proud of our accomplishment, and are

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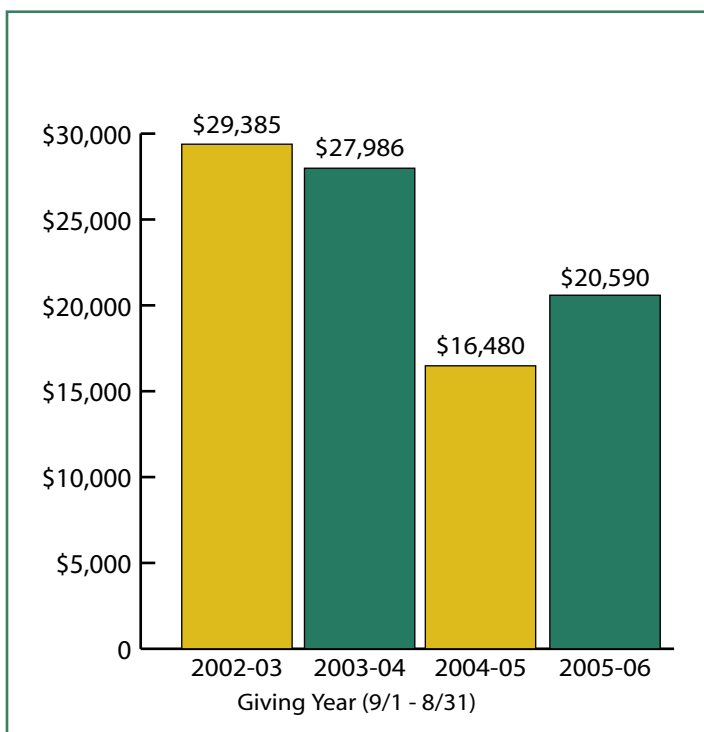
very grateful that we are being recognized for our hard work during the school year.

I’m looking forward to the challenges ahead of me and can’t wait to continue our great tradition. I hope to see many of you up for football games this season!

Annual Giving On the Rise

Help Kick Off New Giving Year and Exceed Past Giving Totals

Thank you to the 303 alumni brothers who contributed a collective \$20,590 to our 2005-06 annual fund, which ended August 31. We’re striving to exceed our totals in past years and need your support. Help us kick off the new giving year by making your gift today. It’s easy! Just return your contribution with the enclosed form, or call 800-975-6699. Thank you for your support!



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First Annual Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Work Weekend Held in August, Much Hard Labor Reaped Amazing Rewards

Next Work Weekend Planned for May 2007, Hoping More Alumni Respond

By Randy Rossi '77

The first annual Lambda Chi Alpha alumni work weekend took place August 18-20th. Along with a strong alumni board turnout, several reliable alumni: **Marc Fox '83**, **Curt Speaker '82**, and **Ken Termini '87**; and some active brothers: **Matt Test**, **Kyle Winter**, **Rick Yeagley** were there to help. **Brian Gugel** and **Steve Crowley** and their families also turned out.



An enormous effort was made by all who helped during the first annual 2006 work weekend. We hope next year brings even more alumni to the house!

Despite some intermittent showers, the grounds crew (under the leadership of the intrepid **Brother Tod Miller '85**) managed to help fill two large dumpsters with the cuttings from the scrubs and trees. They also spread seven cubic yards of mulch around the house. The rest of the dumpsters were filled with trash that had accumulated in the pit and the pit annex, as well as in the kitchen and elsewhere in the house.

Tom Gasbarre '82 and Rick Yeagley took on the unenviable job of converting the kitchen into a place that, as Rick put it, "I don't know if I'd eat off the floors, but at least you can eat in the kitchen now!" While all this was taking place, erstwhile Brother Parks was back in his rightful place cleaning the third floor head so we would have a

functional bathroom. Even though the house was empty all summer, there seemed to be a lot of cleaning needed.

Actives Crowley and Test enthusiastically painted the third floor hallway and subsequently volunteered to move in a week early to paint the other hallways in the house. It was nice to see Brother Crowley's mom and sister helping by cleaning the windows and fixing the curtains; it reminded me of when some of our parents spent a lot of their time fixing what we broke and showing us how to fix it ourselves the next time.

Due to a shortage of available manpower, we were unable to paint the first floor walls and ceiling. However, **Brother Lenox** contacted a local acquaintance who agreed to paint this area for a very reasonable fee. Lenox also put a great deal of effort into converting the lounge into a respectable reading/conference room. A number of items including books, pictures, etc., were removed in the hopes of salvaging them for the future. Hopefully, the actives will appreciate this efforts and use this room appropriately.

Our high hopes for a substantial turnout by the alumni were not achieved; the "old reliables" made it and they did a yeoman's job at preparing the house for the return of the actives, but they couldn't do everything alone. I appreciate all of you who responded to my messages. A dozen more alumni would have

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made a world of difference in what would have been accomplished. Nobody has to tell me how busy their lives are; everybody is busy. Or "what am I going to get out of it?"--if you have to ask that question then I pity you because you're missing the whole point. The work weekend is an important way to give

something back to Lambda Chi Alpha while hanging out with people you care about and don't see often.

We are planning on having another alumni work weekend in spring 2007, the



weekend after graduation (5/19-21/07). With a little bit of forethought and effort, I hope many of you will be able to help. Even if you only can make it for one day, be there! It will definitely be a good time!

Support Zeta Zeta by Donating Food

The North American Food Drive has become one of Lambda Chi's most significant projects. The combined work of LXA chapters has resulted in a great deal of positive public relations and international coverage of our efforts. In order for this project to reach its potential at Penn State, the chapter is asking for alumni involvement. If you're in town this season for a Nittany Lion game, please drop off non-perishable food at the chapter house. The items collected will go to local food banks and hopefully have a positive impact on the community. Thanks in advance to all those that donate!

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Memorabilia Needed from Your Days at Penn State

Zeta Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha is looking to build its legacy by collecting old photographs and other items you may have saved from your years at Penn State. Specifically, we are looking for photographs to represent each decade of our history! Group shots of parties, mixers, dances, etc. are also wanted. Please submit photos from your era online by emailing them to content@affinityconnection.com (be sure to mention LCA at PSU), or send them to our alumni relations office with the enclosed form. Your efforts could help rekindle some warm memories within our Lambda Chi brotherhood!



ALUMNI UPDATE

Michael P. Carachilo '91

(349 Whitebirch Dr., Scranton, PA 18504) I'm still employed as a police officer in Scranton, PA and doing well. Ten years until retirement! My wife Lynn and I have two children: Nino (3), Alana (10 months), and we have one on the way. It will be my last! It was great seeing my brothers from Philadelphia, even if it was for a very sad occasion (**Chris Jones' '91** funeral). I promise to contact **Kevin Quinlan '90** as soon as possible.

IN MEMORY

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

James M. Martin '54

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

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Remembering a Great Lambda Chi

Lt. Col. George Jovanovich, Jr., Z903
April 24, 1955 – March 9, 2006

It doesn't seem that long ago that we were standing in the chapter room with the rest of our new pledge class (we definitely weren't "associates!"). "What the hell have we gotten ourselves into?" was a phrase that rattled around inside our heads. Little did we know what lay ahead of us, how quickly time would pass, and how we would soon have to deal with life's issues far, far removed from the wonderful bubble that was Zeta Zeta and Penn State.

We were a disparate bunch – a couple of 'burghers, a couple of Philly guys and a couple of small town guys from somewhere in the middle. But in a short period of time - as has been repeated thousands of times at Lambda Chi Alpha - we grew close, we stuck together, we helped each other out, and somehow, amazingly made it into the brotherhood.

One of those guys was of medium build with long, light brown hair and an uncanny resemblance to "CW" from the popular

movie "Bonnie and Clyde". So in typical ZZ fashion, brother George Jovanovich was bequeathed a nickname he would have the rest of his life. CW was a business major, but in his heart he loved the theater, and took it upon himself to indoctrinate us, along with the rest of the chapter whenever possible, to the world of show tunes, opera, and classical music. He was quite convinced that anyone who didn't share his love of theatre and the arts was heathen. And I don't think any of us could ever bring ourselves to tell him that his late-night choice of music was often a real buzz kill. Because we loved the guy, and we were brothers.

CW had a typical '70s kind of laid-back attitude, but his razor sharp mind, quick wit, unbelievably great sense of humor, and commitment to brotherhood at Lambda Chi Alpha are his real legacy. He was always the first to volunteer, whether it meant helping with the ritual, cleaning the kitchen or finishing the keg! And let this be

testament to his amazing partying prowess! If there was ever a brother more fun to be around, well, we've never met him.

After graduation, CW tried the corporate track for a few years, but realized that his real love (besides Phyllis) was flying. He dedicated himself to a career in the United States Air Force, and was an accomplished navigator with the 434th Operations Group at Grissom Air Force base in Kokomo, IN. He was assigned as a navigator on the KC-135 Stratotanker, and flew missions in operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm. His list of medals, honors and awards is as long as his list of friends. Yet somehow, after thousands of successful missions in combat conditions, CW died after hitting a patch of ice on his way home to his wife and sons last March.

It has been our distinct pleasure to spend an indelible part of our lives with him. May the echoes of his favorite phrase ring through the halls of Zeta Zeta forever: "Drink up Shriners!"

Forever in Z.A.X.,
 Your Pledge Brothers