



The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Arts Fest
July 14-17

Homecoming
October 15

2011 Nittany Lion Football

Sept. 3	Indiana State
Sept. 10	Alabama
Sept. 17	at Temple
Sept. 24	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 1	at Indiana
Oct. 8	Iowa
Oct. 15	Purdue
Oct. 22	at Northwestern
Oct. 29	Illinois
Nov. 5	OPEN
Nov. 12	Nebraska
Nov. 19	at Ohio State
Nov. 26	at Wisconsin

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ALUMNI REPORT

Plans for Our 100th Anniversary are in the Works

Dear Brother,

It has been a while since we have seen one of these, but it is with great pleasure that I get to headline the latest edition of the *Zeta Zephyr*. Let me first take the opportunity to thank the undergraduates for their efforts set forth on Blue-White Weekend. We had a very productive Alumni Corporation meeting, and the undergraduates had a nice spread set up for brunch while getting the House in excellent condition. I also would like to thank the graduated brothers of Zeta. In the past year, it has been a welcome relief to see all the new involvement that has been generated from all of you in both time and dollars. THANK YOU to ALL brothers of Zeta.

Approaching the end of the spring 2011 semester leads into the next phase of developments in our planning for our 100th anniversary. Phase I was the recent restoration of our new Hall of Fame Room. This room has been designed to be used as a planning/study room for the undergraduates, and it will house plaques recognizing many of our deceased Zeta brothers. The plaque design has been completed, and in the very near future everyone will be receiving information on how to obtain these plaques.

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The June 2011 distribution of our eLetter will include our first edition of our Alumni Spotlight. The Alumni Spotlight has been

created to recognize the many accomplishments Brothers of Zeta have attained in both the public and private sectors.

In an effort to continue planning for nationwide events to celebrate our 100th anniversary, we will be holding a series of conference calls. I have had many brothers express a desire to participate in these calls and planning. Please contact me at (443) 540-3817 or at PSU4800@aol.com, and I will be sure to make sure you are included in this process as we move forward.

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Enjoy the rest of the current edition of the *Zeta Zephyr*, and I look forward to seeing some of you in the near future. Stay tuned to www.lxa-zetazeta.org for details of upcoming events.

Yours in ZAX,
Michael Park, Z1150

HIGH ALPHA REPORT

Continued Success

Zeta-Zeta Achieves Third Highest GPA on Campus, Increases Rush Results and Improves Alumni Relations

By Nathaniel Boring z1588; High Alpha, Zeta-Zeta Chapter
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I believe that I have inherited the office of High Alpha at a pivotal time for Zeta-Zeta. At my time of initiation, fall 2009, there were several things threatening the viability of our chapter as a functioning body: alumni and undergraduate relations, the financial stability of the chapter, and the overall demeanor of the undergraduate brothers. However, I am proud to say that this perilous situation faced by the active chapter is slowly being surmounted with great determination, enthusiasm, and commitment to the fundamental values we as brothers have sworn to uphold.

We have alleviated ourselves of the financial hardships faced as a result of brothers choosing to live elsewhere by establishing residency in the chapter house as an expectation. Though we currently house only 26 brothers in the chapter house, 36 have committed to moving in for the fall 2011 school year. And we welcomed nine new Associate Members through rush this spring.

All of this has been accomplished while the active chapter maintains a 3.29 cumulative GPA, the third highest among fraternities.

In addition to our growing membership, alumni and undergraduate relations have also improved in recent times. Our newly appointed High Rho has been working diligently to plan events that will bring alumni and undergraduate brothers together. In addition to “Lambda Chi Hour” meet and greets hosted at the chapter house, alumni and undergraduates have teamed up in the recent past to reinstall the sidecar doors, build tables, and participate in information sessions pertaining to how we can work together for the benefit of Zeta-Zeta.

We as undergraduates have also taken it upon ourselves to exemplify our care for the chapter house by assembling a “home improvement team” of handy brothers that will make minor improvements to the chapter house. Some of our hopeful projects include painting walls where necessary, building

furniture, and establishing the brothers lounge as a functioning living room for brothers to congregate.

I hope that all alumni brothers will find the time to visit the active chapter in the near future and become involved in making Zeta-Zeta stronger than ever, so that it may outlast each of us and provide further generations with the incredible opportunities we have all been so fortunately granted.



RHO'S REPORT

No Matter How Long It's Been Since You've Been to Zeta-Zeta, You're Always a Welcomed Brother of Lambda Chi

By Aaron Nye Z1573; High Rho
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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the brothers of Lambda Chi who called Zeta-Zeta “home” for a period of time during their collegiate experience. With this being my first article for the *Zeta Zephyr*, I would like to introduce myself as the newly elected Alumni Correspondent. The first note I would like to address is our Blue-White event held April 16. I was pleased to see so many alumni brothers return to their home at Penn State, and I speak for the entire brotherhood when I say it was wonderful to meet and interact with our alumni.

I am looking forward to getting to know my alumni brothers better. To introduce myself further, I am a junior at Penn State studying Electrical Engineering. During my

first semester, I made the decision to join a fraternity with no knowledge of what I was getting into. With this being my sixth semester as a member of Lambda Chi, I have only the utmost respect for fraternities, especially the brothers and fellow alumni who run them. During my time at Lambda Chi, I have served as the Homecoming Chair for the 2009 and 2010 fall semesters, was elected as the House Manager for 2010 and was recently appointed as the Rho (Alumni Correspondent).

From the time I have spent being associated with this fraternity, I have come to find that our relations with our alumni is one that is not as strong as many would hope. During our latest Housing Corporation

meeting, I overheard a conversation between two alumni concerning one of the brothers' absence over the last few years. He said that he had been away from the House for so long that he wasn't sure if he was still welcome. I will be the first one to assure all the brothers, both young and old, that you are certainly welcome back within the Zeta-Zeta House. Whether it be next Homecoming, a football weekend, or the upcoming Blue and White Weekend Brunch, I invite you all to come and see the house, find your old composites, share some stories with the current undergrads and know that you are certainly still a welcomed brother of Lambda Chi Alpha.

ALUMNI VP REPORT

Fall for Surprises

The winter's snows are now behind us and the trees have begun to bloom. Well, except the ancient elm tree that festooned the Garner Street side of the chapter house for decades. State College Borough condemned the tree last summer as it became infected with Elm's Yellows Disease which, along with Dutch Elm disease, is devastating elm trees across Pennsylvania. We removed the tree around the final home football game in November so that it did not become brittle and fall on the house or passers by.

The maple tree in the back 40 sustained serious damage in a wind storm last fall. However, we were able to save most of the tree with the exception of four large branches. It will be interesting to see how it leafs out this spring. These two tree-related surprises cost

approximately \$6,700. Money we had hoped to spend on improving the house for our newest members, instead of making kindling.

In addition to those surprises, we had a few others related to maintaining an 80+ year-old house. Several fire alarm devices, boiler, and the kitchen range required repairs at cost of about \$2,800. Finally, the kitchen refrigerator failed last December and needed to be replaced at a cost of about \$2,400. Granted, these repairs will help these items last many more years, however, the cash required to attend to these repairs exceeded your generous donations from this fall and we are in need of additional financial assistance to tackle some repair and improvement projects this summer.

The undergraduate members have expressed interest in taking some time to

make improvements and are taking steps to manage the property for future members. Many other items in the chapter house are beginning to show their age and are in need of replacement or refinishing. If you could support our efforts with a financial donation, I know it will be put to good use. Or if you would consider making a material donation such as paint/varnish, lumber, tile, solid surface counters, plumbing fixtures, or any other item, please contact me so that we can plan to use your materials. We prefer to get ahead of the maintenance curve and plan our investments rather than react to surprises.

Yours in ZAX,
Tod Miller '85
Alumni Chapter 2nd VP

TREASURER'S REPORT

First Annual Dues Outreach in Years Yields Outstanding Results

By Tom Less '79

As you may have noticed this past fall, you received a request for annual dues and donations for the first time in couple of years. While alumni can make a donation anytime via the Zeta Zeta web site (www.lxa-zetazeta.org), the campaign this fall proved that if we ask, we will receive. You

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can find a list of our donors to date on our web site by clicking on the "Annual Fund Honor Roll" link. To date, we have raised \$9,460 toward our \$12,000 goal for 2010-11. Your generous dues and donations go a long

way toward helping to keep the physical plant maintained and allow us to do more in the way of alumni events. Thank you!

Regarding our financial reports, I will highlight that in the Sept. – Dec. period we reduced the mortgage by \$7,000, bringing our outstanding balance to \$250,699. The ZPI (Zeta Perpetual Investment) fund is at \$40,879.49. We have a scholarship fund balance of \$15,358.14. The interest earned on the scholarship fund is provided to the active Executive Committee to award to select individuals to assist with their educational expenses.

A few unexpected expenses we incurred this fall had to do with trees on the property. The large elm that graced the Garner Street side of the house was diagnosed with Dutch Yellows Disease. Unfortunately, the only option was to take it down. Due to its size, a crane was required and Garner Street had to be blocked off for the ordeal. The cost to remove the elm was \$6,050. The maple in the

back forty had to have a broken limb removed so as not to injure passers-by at a cost of \$520. This illustrates two examples of how your funding is used, and we appreciate your continued support. Remember, we rely solely on alumni dues and contributions to operate, and cannot continue our legacy at Penn State without your involvement. If you haven't already paid your dues in 2010-11, please do so today. You can also review our full financial reports at www.lxa-zetazeta.org.

Again, thank you for your support and please stop by the house next time you are in Happy Valley.



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ALUMNI UPDATES

Tim Bhanubandh '65

(timsb19@aol.com) I go by the name of Tim Bhanubandh (my U.S. legal name since 1980) in the United States, where I just loved living the fun life here with the college football, NFL and all for a period of 28 (1961-1988) years. After Penn State BS, it was USC BS, LSU MBA, and Texas PhD (uncompleted). It turned out strangely but I hardly anticipated that all these schools (still good) are football champions (LSU most recently). But this great life went up in smoke when my mother (now deceased) asked me to return to Thailand to take care of our lands, so I became a real estate developer in quest of my fortune. I have built up the family real estate business into assets of well over \$550 million (not bad!), increasing many times. One of our current projects has recently opened, the Renaissance Bangkok Hotel. For the future, everybody has dreams and mine is to reach the 10 figures club and retire in Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

Traveling to the U.S. to visit my son Patrick has given me the opportunity to contact past friends at LXA. They are buddies and it is a great experience I will never forget

until the day I die. I have been in contact with **Jim Flick, Bert Prutzman, Dick Wade, Gordy Ruhf, Bob Thomas, Bill Mills, Ed Rosenzweig, Dennis McDonough, Randy Palm**, and just this last year, for heaven's sakes, he watched my son play at the NEAC tennis championships in Clarks Summit, so sadly, such a nice guy, the recently deceased **Bob Sheridan**.

[Editor's note: Read more news from Tim in the alumni updates section at www.lxa-zetazeta.org].

George Webb '72

(P.O. Box 905, Madison, VA 22727; gwebb@madisonco.virginia.gov) My old roommate Terry O'Toole came down for a visit last fall. We called **Tom Lally '73** and harassed him but couldn't get him to drive out and down a few beers with us. I haven't been back in a long time but would sure like to hear from the brothers from 1968-1972! I still live in Madison County, Virginia and look forward to Penn State football every year.

Share your news, stories and photos at www.lxa-zetazeta.org!

FROM THE ARCHIVES



We love this great picture that is posted at www.lxa-zetazeta.org, circa 1950-53.

Pictured are: R. A. Wert (3rd from right) and Peter J. Lunde (at right) Does anybody know the names of the other Brothers?

Send your responses, as well as pictures from your own era, to content@affinityconnection.com, and we'll feature the best submissions in future publications.

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