## **HOMECOMING UPDATE**

#### **Attention Alumni**

Zeta Zeta will not be holding a formal Homecoming reception this year due to ongoing house renovations.

Alumni are, however, welcomed and encouraged to visit the house at any time during the weekend. We hope to see you there!



## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT REPORT**

## **Zeta Zeta is at the Forefront of Change at Penn State**

Lambda Chi Positioned to Practice New Policies in Place in Greek Life

By Tommy Martin, Chapter President

## **SPRING 2017 INITIATES**

**Gianlorenzo Raineri** Rome, Italy

> Bennet Frey York, PA

> **Cole Leety** Maytown, PA

Casey Brennan Ellicott City, MD

**Cole Wolf** Sewickley, PA

Connor Passarella Holmdel, NJ

August Pasquale Severna Park, MD

> **Dylan Weyers** McMurray, PA

**Mark D'Ostilio** Woodbridge, CT

**Matt Forest** Pequannock, NJ

**Mike McPeek** Glenview, IL

**Ben Doyle** Pittsburgh, PA

**Rob Rice** Bradford, PA

**Connor Dautrich** Reading, PA

Scott Perryman Jupiter, FL

**Mike Spero** Stony Brook, NY Over the course of the past the semester and throughout the summer, the Penn State Greek landscape has gone through major change. With the policies handed down from the University, a whole new set of rules has surfaced.

One of the biggest is the new recruiting policy that restricts freshman from rushing in the fall, which negatively impacts our live-in numbers. This problem is not one with an easy solution but requires a culture change



that promotes more upperclassmen to live in the chapter house. As far as the social policy that has been added, Zeta Zeta fully believes that we will be at the forefront of the change at Penn State. Due to our strong IHQ requirements,

we have already been practicing much of Penn State's new guidelines. While most other chapters are nervous for the future at Penn State, Lambda Chi looks at this as a unique experience to be a model chapter on campus.

## **ALUMNI CONNECTIONS**

# Tailgating = A Good Excuse to Celebrate Lifelong LXA Friendships

Thank you to Mike Gilotti '69 for sharing this picture from the first tailgate of the 2017 season. Pictured are (L to R): Willard Phillips '71, Ken Margin, Mike Gilotti '69, Jim Verlato '73, John Jeffries '71, Dick DeFleuri,



Mike says "These are longtime friendships,



and I know they all can be relied upon no matter how many years have gone by."

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## **UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE**

## **Developing Fraternal Bonds Before College**

## Alex Buckley '18 Draws Brotherhood Comparisons Between Volunteer Fire Department and LXA

Alex Buckley '18 has personally experienced fraternal bonds long before he ever joined a fraternity.

Since the age of 14, Alex has been serving as a volunteer firefighter with his hometown department. As a kid, he would run down to the fire station on his street every time he heard the sirens go off, just to watch the trucks in action. It was those moments that developed a spirit in Alex of wanting to join something larger than himself.

"Just like LXA, our fire department is a very fraternal organization and the bond I have with them is as strong as the bond as I have with my fellow Zetas," he said.

Alex transferred to Penn State during his sophomore year, and joined LXA as a way to branch out and meet new people. He's held positions of Exec Member at Large, High



Alex Buckley '18

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Rho, and Greek Sing Chairman, among others. In a short time, the fraternity has benefitted him in ways that he knows will have a positive impact on his life—including giving him the ability to navigate tough situations, to manage different types of personalities, and a lifelong commitment in brotherhood. And he recognizes the value

in giving back to the organization that gave him so much: He already plans to serve on the Alumni Advisory Board after he graduates next fall.

"I am proud to be a member of Zeta Zeta because despite everything that was thrown at us in recent years, we made it through and are stronger than ever," he said.

As he finishes up his undergraduate career as a Finance major, Alex has already secured an investment banking job at Deutsche Bank in

New York City once he graduates. He looks forward to expanding his LXA network in his new city.

"I would like to connect with the chapter alumni this year in New York City to find an LXA community and keep the bond strong in my new life as an alumni brother," he said.

## **ALUMNI UPDATES**

#### Raymond Onyx '70

(657 Heatherton Ln., West Chester, PA 19380; cdrzero@aol.com) My wife, Pam, and I are spending our 48th wedding anniversary in the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park, and ending the trip at Mt. Rushmore. We enjoy cruising the Chesapeake Bay during the boating season, and are planning to visit our daughter and grandkids in Sebastopol, Calif. in the winter. I talked to Jim Rush '68 recently and hope for a get-together.

#### Mark Golden '86

(513 Gordon Ave., Narberth, PA 19072; repforyou2@verizon.net) In December I started a new career as a Life Safety Consultant at Medical Guardian, one of the Top 5000 fastest growing companies in the US. If anyone is looking to get themselves or their parents protected with a medical alert system...I'm your guy!

This summer I met up with Marc Fox

'83, Kevin Murphy '83, RJ Winters '85 and Dan Willet '85 before the Dead & Company concert in Camden. I stay in touch with my LXA friends through the occasional football tailgate, gatherings, concerts, and pig roasts, or by just getting together for a cocktail when the opportunity arises.

My favorite LXA memory: When Marc Fox, the smallest guy in the house, got in the face of **Dave Liss '86**, the biggest guy in the house. It still makes me laugh to this day!

#### Sam Varano '94

(211 Cambridge Place, Chalfont, PA 18914; svarano@soudertonsd.org) What did the fraternity teach me about leadership? Almost everything. I learned much more about leadership through my Lambda Chi experience than I did through any academic class or program at PSU. Most importantly I had the chance to experience an appropriate amount of engaging with things outside of my comfort zone.



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## **ALUMNI PROFILE**

#### **More than Great Memories**

### LXA Led Rob Nelson '69 to His Wife of 49 Years and Lifelong Friends

Rob Nelson '69 says that when he receives our Zeta Zephyr newsletters, it still takes him right back to how tight-knit the chapter was when he was there in the '60s.

"We had a rockin' chapter at ZZ, with band parties and kegs of beer," he says. "We also boasted to potential pledges that we had the best blue book file at PSU!"

Rob's favorite memory from those days, though, would have to be recruiting **Duane Doty '44** as High Pi.

"Being a retired U.S. Marine and college football player, Brother Doty was an impressive man," says Rob. "He served ZZ for many years and was close to the chapter both physically and emotionally. His efforts really helped the chapter thrive."

Rob recalls Brother Doty joining the chapter for meetings when national would drop in to review them. He and his wife would attend brotherhood events and parties, and even made a stop on their RV tour years after Rob had graduated to join Rob and his family in North Carolina.

But Rob gained much more than just great



Rob Nelson and Cindy Cecil (wife of Bob Cecil) at a Lambda Chi Homecoming "illustrating the early '70s fashion!"

memories from Lambda Chi. He served as High Tau and then High Alpha at ZZ, which helped him with skills that would come in handy later as a businessman.

"I learned to keep good notes at meetings and to listen to all members of the chapter, and we focused on the life blood of the chapter—recruiting new members," says Rob. "These early years helped me prepare for business success."

Among many other career accomplishments, Rob became president of Hawk Performance and CEO of Global Strategic Directions, Ltd., both based in Ohio. He now owns his own business, BMA Global Ventures, also in Ohio.

Rob went on to marry his
Lambda Chi pin-mate, Sue, and recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with two sons and three grandchildren. Recently, Rob and Sue received a visit from Bob "Beanie"
Cecil '70 and his wife, who dropped in overnight during their move from California to Maryland. Rob says that lifetime friendships like this are one of the other best things that Lambda Chi gave him.

Interestingly, Rob first attended school at Thiel College and was initiated into LXA there. He transferred to Penn State to study engineering, and, after deciding to stay in the fraternity, became a member of Zeta Zeta. With many memories, friends, and a loving 49-year marriage under his belt, it seems that the fateful move was a great one.

# **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

# **Thanks to Alumni for Paying Their 2016-17 Dues**

Justus Campbell	1951	David Lightner	1965	Keith Hannaman	1974
Lowell Hammer	1952	Melvin Ludovici	1965	John Sedlak	1974
Kenneth Haas	1953	Jay Byerly	1966	Thomas Lally	1975
Edward Book	1954	James Flick	1966	Ronald Braund	1975
Carl Lunde	1954	Timothy Creedon	1967	Glynn Chase	1977
W. Ream	1956	Michael Gilotti	1969	Stephen Quinn	1977
Terry Stuver	1956	Robert Hamecs	1969	Scott Bleggi	1978
Thomas Hand	1956	Robert Nelson	1969	Jeffrey Leo	1978
Frederic Thompson	1958	Whitney Sanders	1969	W. Hipple	1978
Jack Schweitzer	1959	Raymond Onyx	1970	David Miller	1979
Terry Poorman	1960	Richard Sharrer	1970	Wendell Morgan	1980
Donald Smith	1960	Edward Stoloski	1970	Kenneth Burk	1981
Charles Springman	1960	James Williamson	1970	Michael Bittner	1982
Joseph Jones	1961	Kenneth Hebel	1970	Michael Heimowitz	1982
Thomas Lattomus	1961	Baron Ginnetti	1971	Thomas Gasbarre	1983
Russell Egan	1962	Kenneth Brinker	1971	Marc Fox	1983
W. Shaffer	1962	John Antonitis	1971	Robert Milone	1983
John Watt	1962	Willard Phillips	1971	Paul Zimmerman	1983
Angelo Bianchi	1964	Jack Wildman	1972	Jack Amick	1985
David Raezer	1964	Douglas McBrearty	1973	Tod Miller	1986
John Unger	1965	John Ferko	1973	Christopher Mellon	1988

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Albert Garofalo	1988
Carmen Caputo	1989
William 'Andy'	
Anderson	1991
Michael Park	1992
Robert Goglia	1992
Jeffrey Cucchi	1996
Jason Alcantara	1996
Christopher Conrad	1998
Jeffrey Lenetsky	2001
John Gallo	2002
Mark Krull	2003
Bradley Moehler	2005
Benjamin Mathews	2015

Reflects dues payments for the 2016-17 fiscal year, which ended August 31.
Stay tuned to www.lxapsualums.
com for an up-to-date list of 2017-18 dues-paying members.

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## **AT THE HOUSE**

#### A New Look at LXA



Undergraduate brothers returned to school with a new look at the LXA house. We spent the summer securing new furniture for the common rooms—including new couches, rugs, tables and chairs, and a pool table.

Find more pictures in the photo album at www.lxapsualums. com

## **House Temporarily Closed**



In early September a sprinkler at 351 E. Fairmount Ave. broke, causing flooding at the LXA house. The electric system was compromised, forcing residents to

evacuate. The house is temporarily closed. Once repairs are completed and inspected, the State College Borough will recertify the facility for occupancy.

The house will be closed and will remain that way until repairs are complete. Parking in the Back 40 will also not be permitted until further notice. Stay tuned to **www.lxapsualums.com** and your inbox for updates and an announcement when the house is re-opened.

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

## **Throwback to 1982**

## The Era of Great Glasses, Hairstyles, and Moustaches



We love coming across old photos from our chapter's archives, including this one from the 1982 *LaVie*. Can you believe this was taken 35 years ago? We invite brothers from this photo—as well as from all eras of our chapter's history—to share their best memories, pictures, and stories of the lifelong connections formed at Lambda Chi.

You can make your submission by filling out the enclosed form, or by emailing alumninews@affinityconnection.com.

## LIFELONG CONNECTIONS



#### Camaraderie as a Tribute to a Brother

## Lambdas Return to PSU for 2nd Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing

Thank you to all alumni brothers who returned to Zeta Zeta in July for the Second Annual Charlie Zendt Memorial Golf Outing. XXXX alumni got together for a weekend of fellowship and golf, and to pay tribute to the late Charlie Zendt '59.

**In this photo:** Camaraderie the night before the Saturday golf tournament. Find more pictures at **www.lxapsualums.com**, and stay tuned for details of next year's outing.