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The Zeta Zephyr

ZETA ZETA OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA AT PENN STATE

THON 2023

Lambda Chi Alpha raises \$134,401.12 towards THON

Our undergrads teamed up with Alpha Xi Delta for THON weekend 2023. We had 3 members dance at Thon, with all three completing the 46-hour dance Marathon. We had great energy all weekend, and our section was one of the fullest at the BJC. In the end, we raised \$134,401.12 with our partners, Alpha Xi Delta. THON this year was a great success and next year we have set the goal to be among the highest

fundraising Greek organizations at Penn State.

Check out some pictures of our dancers and supporters. THON was first organized in 1973 by a group of students seeking an opportunity to give back to their community. This idea has since grown into the largest student-run philanthropy in the world. This year, THON raised \$15,006,132.46 million – an all-time high! WE ARE!



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THON 2023



THROWBACK TO LAMBDA CHI ALPHA IN 1988



Building TRADITIONS

Melon Bust For Olympics

—by Jennifer Willet

One team practiced throwing a cantaloupe over a pole with a blanket. Chi athletes part of the Melon Bust.

They were the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha and their guests, gathered together for the second annual "Melon Bust", benefiting the Pennsylvania Special Olympics. According to Lambda Chi president John Dalton, "We chose the Special Olympics because Penn State hosts them during the summer."

The "Melon Bust" wasn't the only thing that was special about Lambda Chi Alpha. Lambda Chi had isolated an unusual membership policy. Although their numbers were increasing they did not have pledges. Instead of making potential members take a subordinate role, Lambda Chi nationally created associate members. "Associate members are allowed to vote and even run for office," explained Dalton. "They are treated on a more equal basis. This equality promoted the spirit of friendship which dominated the house. We are geared towards brotherhood," emphasized Dalton.

With their advanced policies and mature attitudes, it was no wonder that Lambda Chi Alpha's membership was growing and that they were gaining respect on campus and from their national chapter.

Pi Phi's Lean On Another

—by Melissa A. Mackin

The sisters of Pi Phi Beta Phi were working diligently to improve their chapter. By implementing study hours and quiet hours in the suite, the sisters improved their academic averages and grew closer to one another. "We all help each other," brotherhood," explained Casie Siegel. "So many of the sisters have the same classes or have had them, so there's always someone to ask for help."

The sisters also participated in and supported the other societies' and fraternities' philanthropies, such as the Alpha Chi Omega Ambush.

Dance Marathon was a highlight of the year with SAE. Together they canned and danced to raise money for the children at Hershey Medical Center. "Caring with the guys was great," said Stacy Weber. "We had a the best time!" Said dancer Becky Minnick, "The first couple of hours were so easy. Then it got tougher. By the end, you're not sure if you're going to make it, but then they bring out the kids and you know you can't stop. Besides, we had each other to lean on." And that's what Pi Phi sisters are for.

Lambda Chi Alpha & Pi Beta Phi 209

Source Courtesy of *LaVie*, 1988

Check out this blast from the past, all the way back to 1988! Lambda Chi Alpha is featured in Penn State's Yearbook, *LaVie*, for the second annual Melon Bust! Do you remember the Melon Bust, were you there, did you participate, do you recognize these fellas in the photo? We want to know!

Email us at alumninews@affinityconnection.com and we will publish them in an upcoming e-letter or newsletter.

Zeta Zeta on the web

Are you plugged in to our Lambda Chi Alpha Penn State social media pages? Follow us to keep up with the latest news from the chapter.



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Instagram

Chapter Instagram: [lambdachi_psu](https://www.instagram.com/lambdachi_psu)

ALUMNI PROFILE

Ken Weaver '76: "Fundamental to my success"

"When I came to Penn State, I was a city guy and pretty much of a loner," Ken Weaver says.

"The brotherhood experience forced me to learn how to get along with 46 guys, most of whom were not like me. Some I liked, some not, but they were all my brothers. That experience had an enormous impact on my social skills and was fundamental to my success in both my professional and personal life."

Looking back on his Lamda Chi days, he remembers pledging a fraternity that was known around campus for "partying and sports... academics, not so much," fun nights spent at Mr. C's disco (where his wedding reception was held), playing for the house volleyball team the Sky Kings, and a three-day pledge class trip to Niagara Falls ("We had lots of fun while **Steve Quinn '76** studied organic chemistry."). His connection to the fraternity extends to his present role as the High Alpha mentor, which he calls "a great way to give back to an organization that had such a big impact on my life."

The most impactful aspect came when he met his future wife, Rhonda, through Lamda Chi Alpha. "She was very patient and overcame her dislike of fraternity guys, for which I am very grateful," he says. "Back in those days we would have called her a GDI."

The many "fulfilling" relationships with his brothers represent another lasting benefit of his fraternity experience. "I reconnected with my pledge class (**Rick Powl '77**, **Dave Deluca**, **Steve Quinn**, **Ed Dankanich '77**, and **Scott Bleggi '78**) around 10 years ago, and we now get together regularly. (They) always had my back, even when I didn't deserve it. I assure you that if it wasn't for them, I would not have completed my pledge experience and learned to get over myself."

Ken considers the Lamda Chi Alpha initiation a tradition he hopes will never diminish: "I had the opportunity to see it at the leadership conference in Phoenix last summer and was amazed at the depth of Christian symbolism contained within it. The brothers that thought it up 100 years ago were

truly amazing. I got a lot out of it when I was initiated, but even more seeing it 50 years later."

After graduating in 1976 with a degree in General Arts and Sciences ("a.k.a. having fun"), Ken graduated first in his MBA class at Penn State in 1979. He then began a 35-year career with Firestone Tire and Rubber, during which he moved 12 times and held 21 different positions, starting as a management trainee and ending up as the President of the Commercial Division.

"After retirement, I spent six months doing all the fun things retired guys do until my wife told me to go back to work after we were trapped in the house together during the winter, and I made the mistake of giving her too much advice on how to run it. She told me, 'I took you for better or worse, but not for lunch.'" I then began working in the private equity business and am now a managing director for a firm in Nashville Tennessee. Along the way, we raised four children and now have four grandchildren."



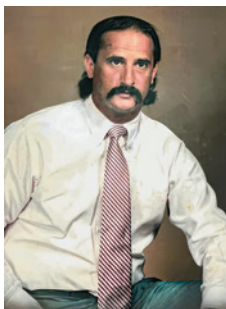
CHAPTER ETERNAL

A sad goodbye to Brother Dan "Cheech" Infield '75

Source Courtesy of Legacy

On Sunday, January 29, 2023, **Guy Daniel "Dan" Infield** passed away at age 71. Dan graduated from State College Area High School and went on to receive degrees in Accounting and Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University. Dan was a long-time resident of Myrtle Beach, SC and worked at AVX Corporation as a Project Engineer. He was also involved in several entrepreneurial businesses.

Dan enjoyed fast cars, Harley Davidson motorcycles, the beach, and his many friends. As people close to Dan can attest, there was never a dull moment when you were around him. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Connie and Jim Infield and Cathy Martin, mother of his son. He is survived by his son Guy



Daniel "Danny" Infield II, two brothers Jack (Karen) and **Jay '83** (Leslie), nieces, nephew, grandson, and cousins, including Mary Ann Durante who was not only a cousin, but a life-long friend.

Services will be private and held at a later date. Interment will be at Centre County Memorial Park, State College. Cremation Services Direct in Myrtle Beach is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Centre Foundation / Connie Infield Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1377 Ridge Master Drive, State College, PA 16803 or the charity of your choice. www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/guy-dan-infield-obituary?id=41965201

BROTHERHOOD

Naught Without Labor Award Winners

A critical part of the continued success of our house is the dedication and time put in by Zeta alumni. Each year, we honor those who have contributed with the Naught Without Labor award. Here are the 2022 honorees:

Mike Park – Mike has spent numerous years as president of the alumni board and his leadership actively made a difference in the growth and advancement of our chapter, especially with the challenges in fraternity life at PSU. As a business owner with limited time, his commitment to this role is something to be admired.

Steve Young – Steve has spent many hours pitching in at the house for work weekends and organized and managed information from board meetings as the secretary. He also led the efforts in developing the Naught Without Labor alumni recognition program, which helps us acknowledge those contributing to the furtherance of our chapter.

Tod Miller – For many years, Todd has been one of the alumni that could be consistently counted on to attend work weekends and to expend time and effort in the upkeep of the house. Todd also

consistently attends alumni events while interacting with the active brothers in the house.

Tom Gasbarre – Tom spend many years on the alumni board as both a president and member leading both the alumni and active brothers through some very difficult times. Tom has always made himself available and has provided valuable input as both an alumni board member and active alumni. Tom has also proven to be a strong mentor for many of the brothers graduating from our chapter.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Mike Heimowitz '82 recalls his best memory from Lambda Chi

When I first joined Lambda, we made these things called Black Books. It was kind of like a history and trivia book about the house. One page had a list of founding brothers and I think we had to memorize their names. At the time I graduated in 1982, the word was that one of those guys, Gilman Kimball "Davy" Crockett, was still alive.



In 1984, when I was living in Southern California, I received the Zeta Zephyr and it had an update from **Gilman Crockett, '15**: "I understand I'm the only one left of the original group of brothers. I think everyone thinks I'm dead! Davy is alive and well in living in Long Beach CA. He's planning an around the world trip "if my health and money hold out." I remember thinking, I've got to meet this guy. It's like meeting George Washington for a Lambda! So, I called him and introduced myself. As soon as I said I was a Lambda Chi from Penn State, he got very excited and said how great of a time he had in the fraternity. We arranged to meet for dinner. I drove down to Long Beach and the first thing he said was "Let's raise a toast to Lambda

Chi." We then went to a fancy seafood restaurant with an ocean view. I remember thinking, we didn't have a reservation, but Davy just walked right up to the Maitre'd and said, "I'm Colonel Crockett and called in a reservation for two. Give us a table with a view." She said, "yes sir" and we were seated. He

then reveled me with stories of his life. He joined the Army to fight in WWI because it seemed like a great idea, until he got shot twice in France. But he did learn one line of French that served him well with the ladies - voulez vous coucher avec moi (would you like to sleep with me?). He was a lot of fun. And it just showed that if you were a Penn State Lambda Chi, whether you were in the class of '15 or the class of '82 or any other year, you knew how to have a good time and enjoy life. I salute Colonel Crockett and the other founders for starting what so many of us have enjoyed for over 110 years.

He is buried in Arlington Cemetery - COL Gilman Kimball Crockett (1892-1993).