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Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta
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President's Report

Chapter News from the Annual Meeting and Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Morrill Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity was held on Saturday, April 24, 2004, in the living room of the chapter house. Approximately 40 brothers, sisters and pledges were in attendance. Elected to the board of directors were **Chris Connelly '99**, **Aaron Harpster '96** and **Mike Flinchbaugh '02**.

David Beppler '53 retired from the board after serving Morrill Chapter for over 20 years as chapter advisor, board member, corporation board president and chair of the scholarship committee. He deserves a big thank you from every member. He will continue to serve Alpha Zeta as a member of the scholarship committee.

Matt Espenshade '96 also chose not to run for another term. He has served as secretary of the board since he graduated. He has been an excellent secretary, and I hope he can serve the fraternity again. He deserves a big thank you from all the members.

The other board members — **Aaron Harpster '96**, **Eric Bengston '75** and **Roy Prescott '58** — also merit our thanks. They did an excellent job during a very busy year that included the renovations of the house.

Immediately following the annual meeting, a board meeting was held at which the following officers were elected: **Arthur Keen '68**, president; **Roy Prescott '58**, vice president; **Eric Bengston '75**, treasurer; **Chris Connelly '99**, scholarship chair; and **Mike Flinchbaugh '02**, secretary.

Financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2003, for the Alpha Zeta Corporation and the Alpha Zeta Charitable Trust are included in this newsletter. Public support continued high because of the campaign. During the fiscal year the charitable trust received one contribution of \$5,000. The charitable trust continues to award \$2,500 in scholarships per year.

During the current year **Eric Bengston** led the undergraduate

chapter and the board in a SWOT analysis of the fraternity's activities. We examined our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. From this analysis we learned the fraternity had strayed from the principles upon which it was founded. In the future we will be working to correct these deficiencies.

The house's slate roof is over 80 years old and needs to be replaced. The corporation had hoped to get a few more years out of it, but this last winter was hard on it. Hopefully, we will be able to get the roof replaced this summer.

During the renovations, financial records, letters, scrapbooks and La Vies dating back to 1913 were discovered on the attic. If any brother or sister would like to help me catalog these items, please get in touch with me.

The letters and phone calls are appreciated. If you have any questions about the financial statements or ideas concerning Alpha Zeta, please contact me by mail at **317 College Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603**; by e-mail at bismoline@bismoline.com; by phone at **800-669-8795**; or by fax at **717-392-0649**. ■



Six members of the Morrill Chapter visited the Cornell Chapter over the April 2-4 weekend to discuss current issues affecting both chapters. Left to right: **David Munsee**, **Tony Resh**, **Katie Harwick**, **Erin Shaw** and **Aaron Henning**.

Alumni Profile

These brief Q&A interviews are part of an ongoing series designed to help us get to know our members better. If you know a member whom you think would make a good profile subject, please send his or her name and graduation

year, along with your name and graduation year, to our alumni relations service at news@2stayconnected.com. Make sure to mention that it's for Alpha Zeta at PSU.

Keeping PA Feed Market Strong: Tom Brown '74

Why did you join Alpha Zeta?

Because many of the brothers in the house were active in Dairy Science Club.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

The friendships that developed, the special projects we ran, working with the football concession stand, the group trips to Cornell and Ohio State, and the parties.

What kind of influence has the fraternity had on your life since graduation?

Many of my classmates in AZ are now leaders in the dairy industry in Pa. and across the U.S.

Tell us about your family. Are you married? Do you have children?

I'm married to Thelma and have son, George, who is 16.

What other activities or organizations did you enjoy in school?

Dairy Science Club, College 4H

Club, Ag Student Council.

Did you live in the house?

Yes. I remember one incident where we received a call late at night from the Dairy Barns saying the barns were on fire. We were getting ready for the Dairy Show at the time. Many of us got out of bed, got dressed and raced to the barns only to learn it was someone's idea of a joke. We had also called the fire company to report the fire. I forget who had taken the call, but he ended up at the police station for several hours. All ended well except some of us didn't get much sleep that night.

What do you do for a living?

Currently, I am the sales manager and treasurer of F.M. Brown's Sons Inc., an agricultural manufacturing and marketing firm in the Reading, Pa., area. We produce livestock feed, flour, wild bird feeds, small animal feeds, and deer feeds, and have a division that sells farm and turf seeds. Prior to

1980, I was an assistant professor of dairy science at Virginia Tech.

What organizations are you affiliated with in your community?

I work with Boy Scouts, 4H and the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture. I run the Junior Dairy Management Contest for the All-American Dairy Show — a contest that helps dairy youth learn the management skills needed to run a dairy farm or related segment of the dairy industry.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Photography, fishing and taking care of the small farm I live on.

What are your goals for the next few years?

Getting my son through college and keeping the feed business strong in a declining marketplace as southeastern Pennsylvania becomes more and more of a suburban area; and to help others get started in the dairy business. ■

Prof. Alan Wood '71 Aspires to Mission Work in Africa

Why did you join Alpha Zeta?

Social and agricultural honorary status.

What is your favorite memory of the fraternity?

Formal dinners and running Hell Week as house manager.

With whom are you still in touch?

I still see Dave Maille '70, Art Keen '68 and Bill Bowers '69.

Tell us about your family.

My wife is a school nurse in Mechanicsburg, Pa. My daughter is a PSU graduate with a degree in biology. She is a genetic counselor at

Johns Hopkins Hospital. My son is a University of New Hampshire graduate with a degree in kinesiology and is a "ski bum" in Jackson, Wyo.

What other activities did you enjoy in school?

Blue Band.

Did you live in the house? Who were your roommates?

Yes, I lived in house. John Pratt '69 was my big brother.

What do you do for a living?

I'm an agricultural/civil engineer with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Harrisburg, Pa.

What organizations are you affiliated with in your community?

ASAE, ASCE, the Presbyterian Church and Habitat for Humanity.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Gardening and music.

What do you do for a living?

I'm back at PSU trying to finish a Ph.D and also teaching a class in environmental resources management. After finishing these, I plan to retire from the USDA and do some mission work in Africa. ■

Now an Independent Entrepreneur: Gail Graybill DeStefano '86

Why did you join Alpha Zeta?

I was impressed with the friendliness of the brothers, little sisters and the house's reputation with faculty and alumni.

What are some of your favorite memories of the fraternity?

The little sister pledge process — getting close to a great group of diverse women. The theme parties — too many to name! A road trip to the 1986-87 Orange Bowl with **Norma Lash**, **Dave Bratton '87**, **Todd Holden '86**, **Brian Harwick '85** and Diane.

With whom are you still in contact?

Nelson Rice '87, **Heather Hatt Graham '86**, and **Brian Harwick** and family — but not as frequently as I would like.

Tell us about your family.

I'm divorced and have a beautiful 3-year-old daughter named Sierra Renee DeStefano and a cat named Cleopatra!

What other activities were you involved in during school?

The Agronomy Club and NAMA. I was Ms. College of Agriculture.

What do you do for a living?

I have a career in operations and HR management. I'm currently a mom and owner/designer of Gail's Sweet Creations — see www.gailscreations.com — a home and Internet-based desktop publishing business.

What organizations are you affiliated with?

Moms Club and church activities.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Doing anything with my daughter, antiques, PSU football and traveling.

What are your goals for the next few years?

To discern God's will for my life. To share my faith. ■

From the Army to the Environment, Still Making a Difference Charles Campbell '68

Striving for career fulfillment and knowing that he has truly made an impact: After retiring from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, **Charles Campbell '68** still had that spirit. Now he is with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, helping to ensure the quality of our environment.

Why did you join Alpha Zeta?

I was invited to become an honorary member since I was married, and I was humbled to have such an honor bestowed upon me by my peers.

Tell us about your favorite memory of the fraternity.

My visits there were always pleasant, and I was impressed by the maturity and academic focus of the members who resided in the fraternity. They were leaders then, and they are leaders now. When I think of my college experiences, I always think

of Alpha Zeta as being above the rest in every way.

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Sharon, and I have been married for more than 36 years. Sharon is a certified medical transcriptionist at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. We have two grown children: Amy (33) graduated from San Diego State University this year, and Justin (28) graduated last year from PSU in architectural technologies. Both work for engineering firms in the San Diego area.

What other activities or organizations were you involved with during college?

I was involved in the Glee Club and Dairy Science Club.

What do you do for a living?

I retired from my first career after 24 years as a lieutenant colonel in

aviation from the U.S. Army. I am now an environmental planning supervisor with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Harrisburg.

What affiliations do you currently have and/or public service do you participate in?

I am active in local planning and civic organizations. I am a past president of the Liverpool Lions Club, and a choir member and an elder in our local church.

What hobbies do you enjoy?

Flying, golf, skiing and travel.

What are your goals for the next few years?

I want to be a positive influence on the protection and enhancement of the environment in Pennsylvania and to help PennDOT be a good steward of the environment. ■

Undergrad Report

This year we came back in the beginning of the fall semester to find a few renovations had taken place in the house over the summer. The spring was very busy for the brothers and sisters of Alpha Zeta, as many members are involved with the various agricultural groups on campus. Alpha Zeta participated in homecoming activities with the sisters of Sigma Alpha. The theme for our float was "Roast the Badgers."

The spring semester has been just as busy for Alpha Zetans. Alpha Zeta sponsored two dancers from the house to participate

in this year's Dance Marathon. The house hosted the second annual Alpha Zeta Thon Auction. This year we raised over \$2,100 for Thon. Renovations are continuing into the spring with some smaller projects being undertaken.

Chancellor
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Katherine Harwick

Chapter Photos



Pledges for the spring 2004 semester. Left to right: **Jennifer Sutton**, **Cole McGlaughlin**, **Jacqueline Sorg**, **Joshua Bennicoff** and **Julie Flinchbaugh**.



The brotherhood at the Holiday Formal in December 2003.



Alpha Zeta had two dancers in the Penn State Dance Marathon for 2004. Sisters **Lauren King** and **Sara Colson** represented the Morrill Chapter and danced for 48 hours straight.



Brothers, sisters, alumni and friends gathered on "the ledge" to watch the Homecoming Parade in September 2003.

Morrill Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity Inc.

Statement of Activities for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2003	2002
Public Support	\$161,346	\$102,772
Revenues		
Rentals,	19,500	22,000
Interest, Dividends, Realized Gains	<u>1,321</u>	<u>1,002</u>
Total Revenues	20,821	23,002
Total Public Support and Revenues	182,167	125,774
Expenses		
Alumni Relations	10,417	9,142
Fund Raising	9,857	10,880
Scholarships	2,500	0
Auditing/Tax Preparation	0	1,500
Bank Charges	46	105
Registration Fee	0	0
Depreciation	8,689	5,164
Annual Meeting	1,557	1,290
Professional Fees and Architectural Eng.	0	51
Insurance	20,897	674
Office Expense	21	0
Repairs	4,082	0
Interest	346	0
Taxes - Real Estate	<u>6,441</u>	<u>6,183</u>
Total Expenses	64,853	41,058
Changes in Net Assets	117,314	84,716
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	170,287	85,571
Net Assets at End of Year	287,601	170,287

Alpha Zeta Fraternity Charitable Trust

Balance Sheets for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2003	2002
Current Assets		
Cash	5,510	1,866
Investments	<u>46,231</u>	<u>46,879</u>
Total Assets	51,741	48,745
Liabilities		
Scholarships Payable	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Liabilities	2,500	2,500
Net Assets	<u>49,241</u>	<u>46,245</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	51,741	48,745

Morrill Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity Inc.

Balance Sheets for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2003	2002
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,223	65,663
Investments	71,694	42,975
Prepaid Expenses	22,929	23,140
Accounts Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>480</u>
Total Current Assets	95,846	132,258
Property and Equipment		
Land	582	582
Land Improvements	4,505	4,505
Building and Improvements	443,229	228,359
Furniture	<u>77,321</u>	<u>77,752</u>
Total Property and Equipment	525,637	311,198
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>277,403</u>	<u>268,769</u>
Total Property and Equipment	248,234	42,429
Total Assets	344,080	174,687
Current Liabilities and Net Assets		
Security Deposits	<u>6,250</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total Current Liabilities	6,250	4,800
Intermediate Liabilities		
PNC Line of Credit	50,229	0
Total Intermediate Liabilities	<u>50,229</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	56,479	4,800
Total Net Assets	<u>287,601</u>	<u>170,287</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	344,080	174,687

Alpha Zeta Fraternity Charitable Trust

Statement of Activities for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2003	2002
Public Support		
Contributions	<u>5,000</u>	<u>660</u>
Total Public Support	5,000	660
Revenues		
Dividends	1,126	1,771
Interest	18	8
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	<u>(648)</u>	<u>(2,474)</u>
Total Revenues	496	(695)
Total Public Support and Revenues	5,496	(35)
Expenses		
Scholarships	2,500	2,500
Charitable Registration Fee	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Changes in Net Assets	2,996	(2,535)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	46,245	48,780
Net Assets at End of Year	49,241	46,245

Alumni UpDates

Charles W. Rutschky '43

(305 Village Hts. Dr. #124, State College, PA 16801; cir2@psu.edu) We moved to a local retirement community on September 30, 2003. I'm not adjusting very well to the loss of my neighborhood of 50 years and my handyman shop, but my wife is doing better. Life is always full of compromises.

John E. Baylor '44

(298 E. McCormick Ave., State College, PA 16801; atlanticseed@psu.edu) I was on staff at PSU from 1957-83 serving as forage specialist. During that time I had the pleasure of meeting many pledges at the Morrill Chapter and have always respected the quality of the men and women in Alpha Zeta. I retired from PSU in 1983 as professor emeritus and continue to support as best I can the national chapter foundation. Good luck in the major improvement of your house, and good luck to all of the house members as you face the future.

James S. Holt '59

(4787 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington, VA 22207-2855; jholt@mnwlaw.net) I'm still working at McGuiness, Norris & Williams in Washington, D.C., a management-oriented labor law and government relations firm where I am senior economist. I've been working hard for several years now on legislation to reform the program for legally admitting and employ-

ing alien farm workers, and also consulting with employers and agricultural associations who employ these so-called "H-2A workers." Looking forward to starting to cut back and enjoy at least partial retirement if/when the legislation passes. I'm also still doing the federal lobbying for the American Kennel Club and a number of other organizations. Occasionally hear of or run into **Pat Wolfe**, but that's about it.

Carl E. Anderson '62

(5712 Valley Rd., Ames, IA 50014-9368; ceanders@iastate.edu) I retired from Iowa State University in December 2003, and have been enjoying having time to travel during the school year and working on projects that have waited many years. We've traveled to Cancun; Red Lake, Ontario; Winter Park, Colorado; Pennsylvania and New Jersey; Kauai, Hawaii; our cabin in central Minnesota; and Rocky Mountain National Park. Now I'm thinking about getting into some consulting.

Dennis J. Burns '71

(4385 Halfmoon Valley Rd., Warriors Mark, PA 16877; djb26@psu.edu) Well, I have gone from being a chicken lover to a dairy cowman. I left poultry science department recently and now work as a tech in dairy nutrition. I still moonlight with chickens occasionally.

Family is all grown but oldest son is just graduating from PSU in fall. He needed to experience life a bit first. My wife, Mary, and I are enjoying our two grandsons.

Leo L. Dunn '87
(3508 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17110; proweii@hotmail.com) My career is taking a new direction. I am

Matthew D. Espenshade '95

(213 Black Swamp Rd., Bainbridge, PA 17502; AZshade95@aol.com) I married Charlene Shupp on October 11, 2003, in Tunkhannock, Pa. Serving as groomsmen were **Michael Cigich '96** and pledge brother **Andy Foster III '94**. We were please to have so many brothers from the house in attendance including **Karl Krieg '95**, **David Shupp '01**, **Owen Bewley '96**, **John Penny '94**, **Mark Garber '97**, **Ben McConnaughey '95** and **Eric Smith '95**. Charlene is a 1999 graduate of Virginia Tech, and while there she was active in the Virginia Chapter of Alpha Zeta serving as chancellor her senior year.



currently attending Widener University Law School and have just started a new professional challenge as assistant director, Office of Legislative Affairs and Communications, for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

Damon J. Harwood '99

(6924 Burke Hill Rd., Perry, NY 14530-9745; hdharwood@frontiernet.net) I have been busy the past year, to say the least. My family purchased a 530-acre dairy farm in Wyoming County, N.Y., and I moved there in January 2003 to start operations. Holly and I were married in northeast Pa. on October 18, 2003. More than 25 brothers and sisters from Alpha Zeta joined us for the cool but sunny fall day. If you ever find yourself in western N.Y., Holly and I invite you to stop by and visit.



A number of brothers and sisters attended the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Awards Banquet held in October 2003.

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