

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is on March 31, 2007 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will be at the fraternity house and a buffet luncheon will be at 12:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This is a great chance to catch up with old friends. ■

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ONLINE

Upgraded Alpha Zeta Web Site!

Read Past Newsletters, Chat Online or Update Your Info

When you visit www.alphazetapsu.com, you will notice some new and improved features, including the following:

- more criteria in the directory for members to search on;
- a searchable alumni updates that are organized by decade;
- a Download Center where alumni can go to download everything from past newsletters to tailgating maps;
- an online chat feature that allows you to chat with whoever else is online; and
- the ability to easily update your contact information, so that you can continue to receive Alpha Zeta communications.

If you haven't visited the site recently, make sure to check out these great new features today! ■

MORRILL MESSENGER

Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta
Penn State • February 2007



CHAPTER UPDATE

Alpha Zeta's Future Looks Bright

Among Fraternities On Campus, Alpha Zeta's GPA Is Ranked At The Top

By Jacob P. Dincher

Throughout the past year, the Morrill Chapter of the Fraternity of Alpha Zeta has maintained its traditional values. The Active Chapter maintained a 3.15 grade point average, which ranked among Penn State's top fraternities. Twenty-four of our thirty-six members also received scholarships at the Pennsylvania State University's College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship banquet.

On another note, to ensure you that we do more than study at Alpha Zeta, we have taken on community service activities.

"In the college of Agricultural Sciences' Ag Hill Olympics, our team placed first, beating Ag Hills' best at many agricultural events."

We are currently involved in the adopt-a-highway program. We cleaned the Pasto Agricultural

Museum at Rock Springs for the Michigan State Weekend. As always, we are also in the process of collecting money and canning for THON. In the College of Agricultural Sciences' Ag Hill Olympics, our team placed first, beating Ag Hills' best at many agricultural events.

I would also like to welcome a new member to the Alpha Zeta Family, Assistant Dean Dr. Marcos J. Fernandez. He has had a positive influence on our fraternity since his move to Penn State two years ago. His influence and support was so great that we named him an associate member to the fraternity of Alpha Zeta.

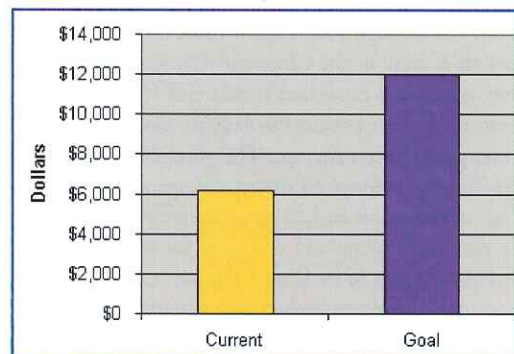
This past fall, we also recruited four new men to the fraternity and are expecting around a ten person class this spring. The future at the Morrill Chapter of the Fraternity of Alpha Zeta looks bright, and we thank the support from our alumni to make all of the things we do possible. ■

Help Alpha Zeta Reach It's Annual Fund Goal

Your Contribution Helps Fund Upcoming Events and Communications Endeavors

It may be the start of 2007, but Alpha Zeta's giving year is already halfway over! So far, we have raised \$6,180 from 91 donors, which is 52% of our \$12,000 goal. The annual fund supports events, communications and all other alumni relations efforts.

Make your donation today either by calling our toll-free hotline at **800-975-6699** or online at www.alphazetapsu.com. ■



ALUMNI PROFILE

Frederick Blevins '60 Lived at the House Year-Round. While Attending Classes, He Washed Dishes, Assisted Joe Paterno, Managed the House and Worked on Campus

"Blevit" Did Stint in Germany before Settling Down on Long Island

1. Why did you join the fraternity?

I was in the forestry school at the Mont Alto campus of Penn State my freshman year. Alpha Zeta, from the main campus, rushed me there. I moved to the main campus and into the Alpha Zeta house my sophomore year. Alpha Zeta was a dry fraternity, and I was impressed by their academic standards. They were an honorary agricultural fraternity, not just a social drinking house—that appealed to me.

2. What was your favorite memory of the fraternity?

There was not one big event. It was very consistent from day-to-day. Almost everybody in the late '50s worked at a part-time job to get through school; nevertheless, we didn't let that affect our academics or our social lives.

In fact, in '56 or '57, we were rated the outstanding fraternity at Penn State. Also, when I transferred to the main campus and wanted to change my curriculum, two Alpha Zeta fraternity brothers introduced me to landscape architecture. Without them, I never would have made such a good decision.

3. Do you stay in contact with other alumni? Why do you contribute to the alumni association?

I have not kept in contact with anyone from Alpha Zeta during the last 20 years. I still believe the fraternity does good things for lots of people, so I want to help the house.

4. Tell us about your family.

I married Rodee, whom I met while stationed in Germany, after graduation. We divorced in '75 and I never remarried, but we are still close. She has a daughter, Patricia (46), and we have a son together, Chris (40).

5. What other activities or organizations were you involved with during your college days?

I was from Maryland and paying out-of-state tuition, so I worked part-time for the departments of sociology and landscape architecture. I also washed pots and pans at the fraternity, and was the sophomore football manager for Penn State under Joe Paterno (who was assistant coach then). In addition, I was the assistant house manager one summer while it was being rented out.

6. What is your nickname and how did your get it?

"Blevit." Once, the fraternity brought in a caricature artist to do our portraits. He asked what nickname to put on the bottom of mine. One of my brothers said "Blevit," and it stuck.

7. Did you live at the house? If so, who were your roommates?

Yes, I lived there for 4.5 years, including a stay at the annex for a couple of semesters when the house was overcrowded. In fact, I lived at the house practically year-round;

not only during the regular semesters, but also during a few summers while working on campus. We moved around a bit, so I had many roommates. **Roy Prescott '58** was one of the roommates that I remember. He was a navy veteran.

8. What do you do for a living?

After Penn State, I joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for two years of active duty. I attended training in Virginia and then went on to West Germany. When I returned to the states, I became employed by the New York State Department of Public Works (for highway and parkway landscape development). I was with New York state agencies for 42 years; most of the time with Long Island State Parks and Parkways. I retired on July 31, 2006.

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

I volunteer at the nature conservancy, taking care of vegetation in public areas on Long Island. I'm especially interested in controlling invasive plant species that come from overseas.

10. What hobbies do you enjoy?

I enjoy outdoor work and football.

11. What are your goals for the next few years?

I just want to stay healthy and keep working as a volunteer. ■

ALUMNI UPDATES

'70s

Curt Harler III '71

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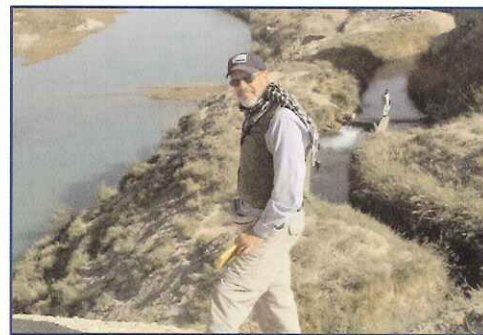
2006 was a tough year. I spent most of the month of May in the Cleveland Clinic, where they removed a cancerous tumor and 15 inches from my bowel. I spent the next six months undergoing chemotherapy. The good news came the Tuesday before Christmas: the oncologist said I am in remission and all scans were cancer-free, so, no more poking and prodding for six months. Lesson to be shared: support cancer research. I continue freelancing ag. and turf writing, but my main interest remains in the extra-curricular activities. I am a contributor to the newly published Penn State Collegian Chronicles

(a history of Penn State seen through the pages of the Collegian). I serve on the Board of the Blue Band. And I still climb (retiring president of the PA Mountaineering Assn.) and hike caves (chairman of the Cleveland Caving Club). My wife, Margie (McMonigle '72), and I celebrated 36 years of marriage this year and saw our youngest go off to Bowling Green College last fall.

Alan Wood '71

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After returning from Afghanistan as an Ag. Technical Advisor for the USDA (see photo), I was appointed as an Adjunct Assistant Professor at PSU. I will again teach a class in Environmental Resource Management this Spring Semester.



'90s

Shana (Elliott) Dowlin '96

(714 Milton Street, Baden, PA 15005)

My Husband, Patrick, and I welcomed our second son, Tobias, on April 26, 2005. ■

HONOR ROLL

Thank you to those who have donated this giving year!

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The number in my party will be _____: \$15/person = \$_____

I would like to sponsor _____ undergraduate dinner(s): \$15/person = \$_____

Total Enclosed = \$_____

Please check one of the below boxes.

Yes, I will be attending No, I will not be attending

Name _____ Grad Year _____

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Please cut out and return this RSVP to the below address
Roy Prescott, 2 Creekside Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011

OLD PHOTO ALBUM

Share Your Photos on the Web Site

Do you have old photos from your days as an undergraduate? Have you gotten together with Alpha Zetas recently and taken pictures? Share them with everyone by posting them to www.alphazetapsu.com. The photo albums are one of the most popular sections of the web site and your submissions help to keep them fresh.

Haven't logged into the website yet? Use your Member ID number above your name on the mailing panel of this newsletter to register on the site. ■



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

House Improvements Have Been Completed, Including a New Roof

Pay Your Pledged Amount So That We Can Pay For These Updates

By Art Keen

In a prior newsletter, I reported on the completion of the major house improvements: the electrical and communications systems, the fire suppression system and the new bathrooms. The new roof was then a later completed project. Since this was not a part of the original remodeling project, we borrowed money to pay for it. The current balance with PNC is about \$90,000. If you have an unpaid pledge balance from the capital campaign ("Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future") please pay your financial commitment as soon as possible. We are depending on these payments to repay

the loan from PNC.

The Board of Directors of the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta has assumed the responsibility of collecting the remaining payments to be made to the capital campaign. Any future payments are to be sent to **Eric Bengston, 1336 Harris St., State College, PA 16802**. Please make your check out to the Morrill Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, Inc.

In an effort to conserve cash, the autumn newsletter has become the winter newsletter. In the future, we may publish one printed

newsletter per year and one email newsletter. If you have an email address, please notify: content@affinityconnection.com. You may view archived newsletters online by going to www.alphazetapsu.com and then by clicking on "Download Center and Newsletter Archive."

If you have questions or suggestions, you may reach me at **317 College Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603; 800-669-8795** or bismoline@bismoline.com. ■

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