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Alumni Report

*By Arthur H. Keen '68, Alumni Board
President*

Our capital campaign is drawing to a close. We hope to finish it by June 2003. To date, we have received pledges of \$574,000 toward our goal of \$600,000. If you have not made a pledge, you will be receiving a phone call from Affinity Connection, our alumni relations and communications partners. Please be courteous to them and help us achieve our goal by making a pledge. The plan is to begin house renovations during the summer of 2003.

The annual College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Banquet is held in October. Fourteen active brothers and sisters attended this year's banquet. Receiving Alpha Zeta-sponsored scholarships were Jennifer Flinchbaugh, Jessica Worobey, Katherine Harwick, Marie Cudoc, Jeremiah Fearnley, Andrew Flinchbaugh, Amanda Jewert, David Monsee, Megan Regula, Jill Caldwell and Joshua Hushon. **David Bepler '52** did

his usual outstanding job chairing the scholarship committee. Also serving on the committee were **Mike Flinchbaugh '02**, **Daphne Doll '02**, **Laurie Morrow de la Riva '92** and **Glenn Haney '51**.

On July 13, the golf tournament and picnic to benefit the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Fund was held at **Bill Riden's ('75)** Indian Run Golf Course. We were able to raise over \$300 for the scholarship fund. **Mark Guise '76** and **Roy Prescott '58** played a round of golf. **Pat Wolff '78**, **Riden**, **Art Keen '68** and their families attended the picnic.

If you have any questions regarding any alumni or campaign issues, please reach me at 800-669-8795 or bismoline@bismoline.com. ■



Congratulations to our Alpha Zeta scholars!

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- Since 1910, 85 percent of justices named to the U.S. Supreme Court have been Greek.
- 65 percent of U.S. physicians and 78 percent of U.S. lawyers are Greek.
- Each year, Greeks do more than 850,000 hours of community service.
- Greeks lead 40 of the 50 largest U.S. corporations.
- Thirty-three U.S. Presidents were Greek.
- Two-thirds of the nation's most influential business and political leaders are Greek (Source: *Fortune Magazine*).
- 71 percent of fraternity men and 80 percent of sorority women graduate. For non-fraternity members, only 50 percent of men and 60 percent of women do.
- 52 percent of the U.S. Senate and 33 percent of the House are members of Greek organizations.
- The first female senator and the first woman astronaut were both sorority members.

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Chapter

Report Strong Work Ethic Prevails at Morrill

By Jeremiah Fearnley '04, Chancellor

The spring 2002 semester was a successful one for the Alpha Zeta. As always, we were extremely active on Ag Hill with several members holding high leadership positions in college clubs and activities. The highlights of the spring were the results of our rush program. We had 14 new members initiated in the spring. The class was comprised of nine men and five women. All are excellent additions to the Morrill Chapter. The dance maraTHON has been a recent addition to Alpha Zeta activities. THON is the world's largest student organized philanthropy. The 48-hour dance benefits children with cancer.

Over the summer, members of the active chapter worked in a wide array of agricultural fields. Several went home to help with family farms while some took internships and summer jobs in government, extension, AI, animal health, farm machinery and landscaping to help prepare for future careers.

This fall semester is underway and keeping the active chapter as busy as ever. The beginning of the semester was spent getting acclimated to new classes and, of course, getting the rush program underway. Rush events included miniature golfing, family meals and social events. We have six pledges for the fall 2002 semester.

The 2002 Agricultural Science's Scholarship Banquet was held on October 22 and was well attended by the active chapter. On behalf of the active chapter, I would like to thank all alumni and supporters of the AZ scholarship fund. These financial contributions are appreciated more than ever, especially with the recent tuitions increases. ■



Alpha Zeta joins Sigma Alpha in Homecoming 2002 festivities



Alumni UpDates

George K. Davis '32

(2903 S.W. 2nd Ct., Gainesville, FL 32601) My wife of more than 66 years, Ruthanna, died on May 25, 2002.

Eugene G. Fouse '34

(6909-D Donachie Rd., Baltimore, MD 21239-1107) I can report that I am up and moving every day, though the pace is slower and most trips are within 15 miles (round trips). My destinations are largely limited to grocery stores, church, the doctor's office and the homes of my son and daughter who are only two of the seven offspring living in Maryland. My memory is still reasonably good, but I sometimes have trouble with names of some of our 21 great grandchildren (am told this will be 22 in May 2003). Still, it is good to be able to pen this.

Robert H. Rumler '36

(937 Wallace Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201-3884; bobrumler@pa.net) I am a charter member of the newly established Henry F. Armsby Honor Society of Penn State College of Agriculture 2002.

David L. Meyer '37

(The Heritage, 2820 Greenacre Dr., Findlay, OH 45840) Louise, my wife of 63 years, and I are now living at The Heritage in Findlay.

Howard J. Merrill '42

(1053 W. Fifth St., Ontario, CA 91762-1524) My residence is in California, but I spend five months each year working on landscaping at the family farm in Waverly, N.Y., where I have extensive daffodil plantings. Except for those played after Thanksgiving, I have attended every home football game since 1981 plus away games at Syracuse, New Jersey, New Orleans, Arizona, San Diego, Los Angeles and the Rose Bowl. I keep in contact with a number of AZ's and widows from my era. I taught in the Dairy Department at PSU from 1948-53.

Norman H. Gnagey '49



Norman and friend pioneer the hot springs of North East Siberia

(11 Tourin Ln., Jericho, VT 05465-9626) As is my custom, I just finished reading every word of the summer issue of the *Morrill Messenger*. I especially enjoyed the article concerning the

initiation of President Eisenhower as an honorary member of AZ. I made a special trip to Penn State for this outstanding event. Dorothy and I are in good health and continue to travel. The last week of May, our expedition was to the Sea of Okhotsk. Our group was the first tourist group allowed to visit this isolated part of the Russian Far East. The Lord willing, we have two additional trips planned.

John Cairns '44

(Warm Hearth Village, 1060 Showalter Dr., Apt. 202, Blacksburg, VA 24060-6298) I am recovering from four compression fractures of the spine and decided to move to an assisted living apartment in our retirement village. Jean is in a nursing home in the village a quarter of a mile from the apartment. I have a den where my writing continues. My latest Internet paper can be found at www.int-res.com/articles/esep/2002/article2.pdf.

Boyd E. Wolff '53

(3881 Sarayo Cir., Harrisburg, PA 17110-3644; wolfdend@ruralife.net) In June 2002, I traveled to Macedonia for my third trip to third world countries as a volunteer for USAID programs. I volunteer to help farmers with cooperative development and agriculture production. I received Penn State's Distinguished Alumnus Award at this year's Homecoming weekend.

H. Theodore DuBois '54

(3418 Ritter Rd., Allentown, PA 18104-9097; tjbythecreek@enter.net) I have been retired since December of 1993. I am actively enjoying grandchildren, gardening, volunteering (Meals on Wheels, hospital), do-it-yourself projects around the house and an annual February-March primitive camping stay in Ocala National Forest, Fla.

Russell P. Neff '55



Enjoying the sites in Thailand

(2200 Columbia Pike, Apt. 801, Arlington, VA 22204-4419; neffrussell@hotmail.com) I spent five months in Thailand (November 2001-March 2002), really enjoying the culture, people, food, climate (winter) and prices. It is very reasonable for us (based on dollars) if you keep away from international hotel chains. The language is very difficult to learn as it is much different than English.

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Alumni UpDates... continued

Roy E. Prescott '58



Our pride and joy: five of our seven grandchildren

(2 Creekside Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011-1304; sherbet2k@paonline.com) We are having lots of fun with our grandchildren. Gail and I are looking forward to a trip to Thailand in January.

Frank E. Resides '62



Frank and grandson Matthew are clearly best buddies

(1401 Pine Rock Rd., West Chester, PA 19380-6215; fresides@prodigy.net) I am enjoying retirement from USDA. Jane and I made a two-week trip to Italy in March and had a great time! Our grandson, Matthew K. Baldwin, is just 2 years old and a real joy to us. Leigh, Jeff and Matt live in Montgomery County.

Richard A Criley '62

(725 Piikoi St. #801, Honolulu, HI 96814-2967; criley@hawaii.edu) As a professor of horticulture at the University of Hawaii, I was honored for my contributions in floricultural

research with tropical flowers by the Society of American Florists as the Alex Laurie Awardee for 2002. The award, named in honor of prominent Ohio State floriculture professor, Alex Laurie, was presented at the SAF Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., in September. I have been conducting research on tropical cut, potted and lei flowers for 34 years as a member of the faculty of the Horticulture Department in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii. In August, I was elected to a four-year term as chair of the International Society for Horticultural Science section on ornamental plants.

Eugene A. Jowyk '72

(105 Whitby Ct., Cary, NC 27511-5964; jowyk@netzero.net) I was recently promoted to eastern regional program manager with the USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service within the Plant Protection & Quarantine Department at NCSU's Centennial Campus in Raleigh, N.C. I provide guidance to our customers and officers located at ports of entry in regards to Ag Quarantine Inspections and import/export requirements. E-mail me at ejowyk@aphis.usda.gov.

Charles J. Fowler '75

(3497 Mount Burnside Way, Woodbridge, VA 22192-1015; aressoared@aol.com) I transitioned from U.S. Army Colonel to Senior Analyst/Strategist at CALIBRE Systems, Inc. Daughter Valerie will graduate from University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing in 2003. Daughter Laura will graduate from high school in 2003 and plans to attend Penn State. My wife, Rita, is a medical transcriptionist in Woodbridge, Va.

Larry K. Groff '85

(PO Box 481, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; crmcc@bigpond.com.kl) We returned to Cambodia in July 2002 with Mennonite Central Committee as co-country representatives. We will be there for a five-year term with our two children, ages 11 and 9.

Rebecca A. Sonnen '92

(41 Keller Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601; wwillow@supernet.com) I have been married to Fred Bube, Jr., for eight years. I returned to graduate school (Millersville University) to obtain a special education teaching certificate and have been employed by Lancaster-Lebanon I. U. #13 for the past four years. My husband and I return to Penn State for every home football game since we work as "ticket takers" at gate 3. ■

Alumni Obituaries

Since publication of our last issue, we have learned of the death of **Maurice K. Goddard '64** (9/14/95). Alpha Zeta mourns his passing and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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