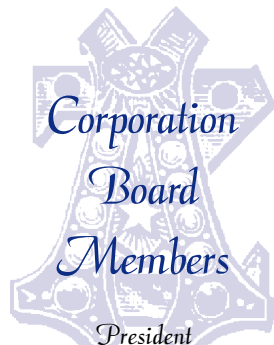


# MORRILL MESSENGER

Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta  
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## "Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future"

By now you should have received information on our capital campaign, "Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future." Your class agent will be contacting you to encourage your participation in the campaign. Please give him or her a few moments of your time. It is my dream that all Morrill Chapter members will make a pledge to the campaign. Already, we have a few members of other chapters participating in the campaign. Some active members are pledging \$2000, with one active member pledging \$2500. We have received pledges totaling over \$500,000 toward our goal of \$600,000. My thanks to all the early participants in the campaign; they really jump-started "Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future."

In my role as class agent for the class of '68, I have spoken to Roland Romberger, Bill Wentz, Tom Tursack, Mike Obenski, Bob Pepple, Tom Hartsock, Ken Moore, Scott McAllister, John Piwowar and Joel Brown. I have enjoyed talking to my classmates and learning about their lives. I have a few more classmates to contact.

The 2001 College of Agricultural Science's Scholarship Banquet was again well attended by Alpha Zeta members. Travis Donough '03 was master of ceremonies. Seventeen brothers and sisters received scholarships. David Beppler '53 again did an outstanding job chairing the committee that awarded the Alpha Zeta sponsored scholarships. The other members of the committee were Joel Furman '66, Neil Gingrich '49, Glenn Haney '51, Garret Coleman '01, Olivia Courtney '01. The recipients of the scholarships were Marie Cudoc '02, Mike Flinchbaugh '02, Jennifer Flinchbaugh '03, Travis Donough '03, Heather Jasienski '01, Daphne Doll '02 and Amanda Jewart '03.

I want to thank Dr. Michael Schlegel '88 for his service to the fraternity as a board member and treasurer. Mike has taken a job as an animal nutritionist at the San Diego Wild Animal Park in Escondido, Calif. The nutritional requirements for rhinoceroses and giraffes should be a little different than dairy cows. The job should be interesting and challenging; there are over 350 species of animals in the park.

We are now looking for a new board member. If you are interested in serving the fraternity as a member of the board or have questions or ideas concerning Alpha Zeta, please contact me.

We have a new Web site: [www.pennstateaz.com](http://www.pennstateaz.com). Please visit the site, register, and e-mail your opinions and suggestions to us.

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## Chapter Wins Homecoming Banner Competition

By Jeremiah Fearnley '04,  
Chancellor

Alpha Zeta won first place in the banner competition for Homecoming 2001. Our banner not only sported an image of Old Main, but also reflected Penn State's strong agricultural heritage.

Alpha Zeta did well in several other homecoming week events, including Nittany Pursuit, the Airband Competition, Window Painting, the Mad Hatter Competition and the Float Competition.

For the past few years, the brothers and sisters of Alpha Zeta have worked with the sisters of Sigma Alpha on the homecoming float. This year's theme, "Celebrate Old State," was a great idea that helped to capture both our pride in the university and our respect of its storied history. Alpha Zeta and Sigma Alpha chose to celebrate Penn State's football history. For everyone involved, it was a time to work together and take part of this celebration of our university.

Please see the  
accompanying inserts for  
the names of those who  
so generously have  
given back!

## Historical Update

The early '40s were a great time to be a member of the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta, and Howard J. Merrill, Class of 1942, Ontario, California, provided the following historical updates that were not mentioned in the campaign brochure history:

- Several adult members personally signed to guarantee the loan that made possible the construction of the current house: Professor "Andy" Bowland, head of the Department of Dairy Husbandry, L.K. Metzger '16, prominent local merchant, and others whose names, unfortunately, are not remembered.
- L.K. Metzger owned one of the two bookstores downtown that bought and sold textbooks. Under his ownership, Metzger's provided part-time work for many AZ's, especially during the business rush at the beginning of each semester.

Mark your calendar for the  
*Annual Meeting*  
of the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta  
on Saturday, April 6, 2002.  
We hope to see you there!

### CHANCELLOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

## Alpha Zeta Members Make Their Mark

Jeremiah L. Fearnley '04,  
Chancellor

Here are some highlights from fall 2001 at the undergraduate Morrill Chapter.

**Leadership Hotbed:** Alpha Zeta ranks second among all 57 fraternities in extracurricular activity involvement. Alpha Zetans actively took part in a wide array of student activities on Ag Hill. Many members hold high leadership positions as officers or committee chairpersons in several clubs in the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences.

**Ag Scholars:** The College of Agricultural Sciences recognized several members at the Scholarship Banquet held in October. Many alumni who were at the banquet and sponsored scholarships commended those receiving awards, which will supplement the cost of tuition. We thank those alumni who have made contributions to assist these efforts.

**Always Active:** AZ members spent additional time with a number of projects, including participating in homecoming activities, seeking Dance Marathon (THON) donations, competing in intramural sports, doing schoolwork, interviewing for internships and permanent positions, and taking part in club activities.

**Goodbye-Hello ...** This semester we welcomed three new brothers into the Alpha Zeta family and said good-bye to others, all of whom will quickly become leaders in their chosen fields.

## Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future Capital Campaign Updates

The campaign for the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta, *Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future*, entered into the public phase this past fall. Brochures were mailed to all members detailing our project, the outstanding history of our chapter at Penn State, and the fine achievements of our undergraduate members over the past three years. The history as presented in the brochure was originally written by Wayne Rindone '70 and rewritten with updates by Brochure Chairperson Kirk Sattazahn '94. The undergraduate portion of the campaign brochure was prepared by Travis Donough '03.

When the campaign entered into the public phase, we had over \$457,000 pledged from 105 donors. Through the hard work of numerous dedicated volunteers and class agents, we are proud to announce that over \$516,450 has been pledged to date from 168 donors. These numbers continually increase each day, and we sincerely thank all who have made a contribution (please see the honor roll of contributors accompanying this newsletter). It is never too late to show your support to the *Preserving the Past...Ensuring the Future* capital campaign. If you would like to contribute, please complete the enclosed pledge agreement.

- We are pleased to add the following Morrill Chapter brothers to our class agent roster; we apologize that they were not recognized in the campaign brochure:

**1983 Robert Anderson**  
**Allan Enterline**

- There are over 100 class agents working on the campaign to ensure that it is a success and that Alpha Zeta meets our \$600,000 goal. Each class agent was sent a volunteer packet regarding their responsibilities along with information for contacting classmates. If you are a class agent and did not receive your packet, please contact Barbara Collins, 888-298-7110, ext. 125, or [barbara@2stayconnected.com](mailto:barbara@2stayconnected.com).
- If you have not received capital campaign information, please contact our campaign office at 888-298-7110, ext. 125 or 132.
- Please note: Alpha Zeta's Annual Fund donations are not applied to the Capital Campaign nor recognized as such. Each fund is a separate account. When making a contribution, please use the subject line of your check and write either Annual Fund or Capital Campaign to ensure that your contribution is being credited to the proper fund.



Alpha Zeta Brothers and Sisters at the Winter Formal, a combine held with Sigma Alpha, on December 1, 2001, at the fraternity house.

## Morrill's own "Urban Legend"?

It is widely known, and verified by eyewitness accounts, that Milton S. Eisenhower, 11<sup>th</sup> President of the University, was initiated into the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta in 1951. However, it is further believed by many, many respected members of the chapter that U.S. President and brother to Milton, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was also initiated as a Brother of the chapter sometime in the late '40s or early '50s.



Milton S. Eisenhower, 11th President of Penn State (1950-56). Is his famous brother an Alpha Zeta?

There are a few versions of this story, but one of them runs like this: Former President (Dwight) Eisenhower flew from his Gettysburg farm to State College in a private plane. He was met and driven to the house by his wartime military driver. President Eisenhower spent the day at the house, talked with each boy, was initiated into membership, and then flew back to Gettysburg without the public ever becoming aware of his visit until after his departure. The year and date of his visit are unknown, but all accounts suggest that the initiation of Dwight Eisenhower took place while classes were not in session.

With such a detailed account, it's hard to believe that the event may not have taken place. However, some equally well-

respected members of the chapter who were active around that time reported no knowledge of it. As hard as it is to believe this may not have occurred, it is hard to believe that it occurred without every member of the chapter being well informed of it.

### What we know for sure:

- Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was the President of the University from 1950 to 1956. He was initiated into the chapter in 1951 in a ceremony at the house attended by many onlookers. Eyewitness accounts verify this.
- In June 1955, United States' President Dwight D. Eisenhower indeed visited Penn State and delivered the commencement address to the graduating class. (History of Penn State on the Web, [www.psu.edu](http://www.psu.edu)).

Was Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated during his trip to Penn State for commencement in 1955, or did it occur secretly sometime prior? Are folks getting brothers Dwight and Milton confused, since they were both a "President Eisenhower"? We would like very much to confirm this local legend as fact, and ask that any member with firsthand account of the Initiation of Dwight D. Eisenhower into the Morrill Chapter please contact us with their story!

*We would like to extend our gratitude to Brothers Glenn Haney '51, Neil Gingrich '49, Charlie Rutschky '45 and Howard J. Merrill '42 for their help in putting this article together.*

# ALUMNI NEWS

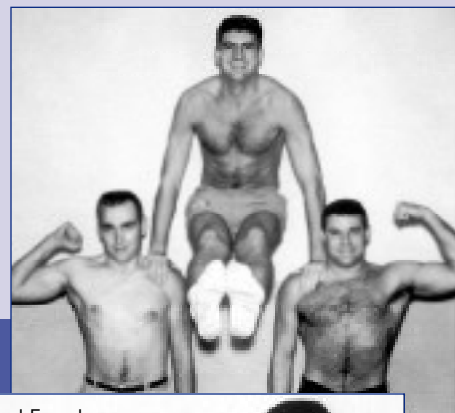
**John Cairns Jr. '44** (Warm Hearth Vlg., 1 Dogwood Cir., Blacksburg, VA 24060) John was selected to receive the 2001 Sustained Achievement Award presented by the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation. This award recognizes outstanding achievements in the renewable natural resources field, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary aspects. Dr. Cairns was to receive a plaque at an awards luncheon on November 29, 2001. He is a professor emeritus of biology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va., and a former director of the Center for Environmental and Hazardous Materials Studies.

**Carl A. Colteryahn Jr. '48** (4864 Mooreridge Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227) I'm glad to hear the fund raising is doing well!

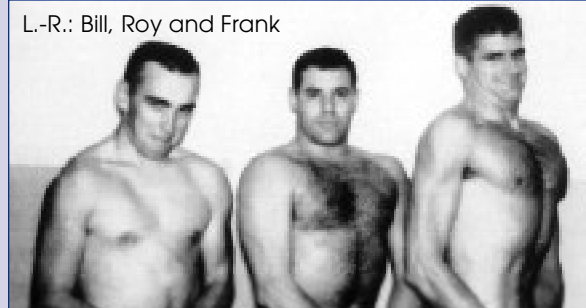
**Frank M. Ebert '50** (2029 Spring Valley Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446) Thank you for the newsletter identifying the success of the financial campaign and the success of the academic standing of Alpha Zeta. Keep up the good work. May the decision to refurbish the chapter house continue to become a reality.

**Roy E. Prescott '58** (2 Creekside Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011; sherbet2k@paonline.com) **Frank Markland '57**, **Bill Wallace '58** and I have started corresponding and exchanging old fraternity pictures. Here are two which show some late-night escapades. What great memories! Gail and I just returned from a wonderful trip to the Emerald Isle. Ireland is unbelievably beautiful and its history is fascinating. I was amazed to learn that most of the people can still speak Gaelic fluently, although English is also spoken by everyone. Stop to see us or send us e-mail.

Bill Wallace '58 (left), Frank Markland '57 (center) and Roy Prescott '58 (right) in some late-night escapades in their undergraduate year.



L.-R.: Bill, Roy and Frank





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**James S. Holt '59** (4787 Williamsburg Blvd., Arlington, VA 22207) I've now completed 10 years as senior economist with the Washington law firm of McGuiness, Norris and Williams. We have a large agricultural employment law practice nationwide. I also counsel agricultural employers on the use of legal foreign agricultural labor (H-2A and H-2B programs). Right now, I'm also in the thick of the national debate on immigration policy, especially as it pertains to agriculture. Occasionally, I cross paths with **Pat Wolff '78** and **Jim Poorbaugh '63**.

**Lacy M. Sexton '70** (8242 Tabaid Ln., Pensacola, FL 32506) I've just relocated to Florida.

**Mark P. Bridgen '77** (26 Woodland Rd., Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268) After 17 1/2 years at the University of Connecticut, I will be joining the faculty at Cornell University. I will be professor and director of the Long Island Horticulture Research and Extension Center in Riverhead, N.Y.

**Douglas J. Pierson '78** (2228 Oxford Rd., New Oxford, PA 17350; piersonhaiti@yahoo.com) I am working with Christian Veterinary Mission in southern Haiti. I sold my veterinary practice last year and our family moved down to Haiti in August 2000. Our oldest daughter, Sarah, just graduated from high school. She will be returning to Haiti with us to work for a year before going on to college at Asbury (Lexington, Ky.) in the fall of 2002. Our other two children are Ben (15) and Emily (14).

**James R. Shade '90** (12440 E. 196 St., Noblesville, IN 46060; jshade1@aol.com) In March 2001, I relocated with my wife, Denise, and my 18-month-old son, Douglas, to the Indianapolis area to accept a promotion as marketing information specialist within Mycogen Seeds and Dow Chemical. After being a territory rep with Mycogen for the past few years and traveling through several East Coast states, this move gives me more responsibility, while allowing me more home time with my family.

**Sharon Wagner McCall '92** (1929 Blakewood Dr., Chambersburg, PA 17201; trinity@innernet.net) Director of Christian education at Trinity Lutheran Church. I married my husband, John (he drives truck for Wenger Feeds/Shippensburg Mill), on August 7, 1999, and am now moving to Chambersburg to start a new career in Christian education. My husband and I have visited the house while up for football games. The house looks different since I was there, but it still has that familiar feel to it. I always enjoyed having a place to go and friends to be with as a member. I have lost contact with most of my PSU friends and am hoping to get back to some of the upcoming games and ag-related events. I hope to see some familiar faces.

**Holly B. Marshall '00** (100 Townsend Dr., #2, Hummelstown, PA 17036; holbeth@hotmail.com) Industry relations director for the Pennsylvania Beef Council.

We regret to inform you of the death of  
**Wilson C. Dickson '39** (6/11/01),  
**Thomas V. Jenkins '39** (6/9/01) and  
**David R. Gross '40** (7/18/01).

Alpha Zeta mourns their passing  
and extends condolences  
to their families and friends.

## HORSE SHOES, STICKY BUNS AND BREWERY HIGHLIGHT MID-'70S REUNION

From **Patricia A. Wolff '78** (808 Crocus Dr., Rockville, MD 20850): On July 28, 2001, 37 people and one dog attended the first ever mid-'70s picnic held at the chapter house. Returning were **Mark Guise '76**, **Bob Calhoun '77**, **Mark Stauffer '73**, **Glenn "Riess" Miller '76**, **Cindy and Garry "Pops" Pepple '77**, **Eric "Bingo" Bengston '72**, **Pat Wolff '78**, **Sharon Smarsh '77**, **Frank "Brownie" Brown '77**, **Hil ('78) and Martha Schramm ('79)** and **George Cudoc '76**. In addition to a lot of remembering of the "good old days," there was a mean game of horse shoes, some sticky buns, and a visit to the Brewery. Someone even found an old composite photo from the Class of 1977 that was good for a few laughs. Children in attendance ranged in age from 3 to 19.



## Fall 2001 Initiates

**Matthew Ryan Pavelski**  
Gibson, PA  
2004

**Blaine Ryan Brown**  
Hershey, PA  
2003

**David Lloyd Munsee**  
Lakewood, NY  
2004