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Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta

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Chapter Report

Spring Semester Adds 12 New Members

Spring semester has gone very well here at the Morrill Chapter. We are very happy to have recently initiated 12 new members into the chapter, nine men and three women. They are **Kevin Caldwell, Benjamin Cloninger, Rachel Ebert, Daniel Frechen, Benjamin Hartman, Raechel Kilgore, Steven Miller, Nicholas Pease, Douglas Sattazahn, Joseph Spangler, Jason Spieker** and **Emily Yeiser**. We hope to follow this great group with another large pledge class next fall.

Our chapter has continued to keep scholastics a high priority; our average
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President's Report

By Arthur Keen '68, President, Alpha Zeta Alumni Association

Greek Alumni Council and PSU Greek Pride Initiative Bring Positive Change

On January 15, 2005, I attended the first meeting of the Penn State Greek Alumni Council. At this meeting, Dr. Vicky Triponey, vice president of Student Affairs, presented PSU's "Reasonable Expectations and Standards of Excellence for Social Fraternities and Sororities," part of the Greek Pride initiative. The standards and expectations have now been finalized and are as follows:

Non-Hazing Agreements: All chapter members will sign and uphold non-hazing agreements.
Intellectual Development: Each chapter will maintain a GPA equal to or greater than the all-university average.

Financial Management and Planning: Each chapter must be in good standing with their international/national headquarters, the Council, alumni/housing corporations and the university.

National Status: Each chapter must be affiliated and in good standing with a national fraternal organization.

Social Policy Requirements: Each chapter will implement a social policy that complies with Council guidelines and occupancy limits, and significantly reduces party size and frequency, and takes significant steps to reduce underage drinking and binge drinking.

Responsible Citizenship: Each chapter must develop and maintain service learning events (philanthropies), with minimum expectations of service for each member.

Advisers: Each chapter must have an active and involved adviser who attends chapter meetings on a regular basis and has consistent meetings with chapter officers.

If the above standards are met, chapters would receive the following rewards:

- Faculty and staff would be encouraged to serve as advisers and would be recognized for their efforts.
- Each chapter would have the option to bill selected financial obligations (dues and rent) to their members through the PSU bursar.
- Each chapter would be officially recognized by the university.
- Each chapter would have access to low-interest loans for house improvements.
- Assistance would be available for leadership education/training programs.
- The Office of the Physical Plant would provide consultation services and support to review and recommend facility improvements.

As you can see, this initiative represents a 180-degree turn in the attitude of the university toward fraternities and sororities. Hopefully, we will see renewed interest in Greek organizations at Penn State.

In other news, on April 2, 2005, the annual meeting of the Morrill Chapter was held in the living room of the house. Approximately 40 brothers, sisters and pledges were in attendance. Elected to the board of directors were **Roy Prescott '58** and **Arthur Keen '68**. Immediately following the annual meeting, a board meeting was held at which the board officers were elected.

This summer we will replace the roof of the fraternity house. The slate roof has passed its useful lifespan of 80 years and is leaking in a number of locations. Von Kensinger Roofing has been awarded the contract for the roof and repairing the side porches. We expect the total cost to be about \$110,000. Because of the expense of slate, the new roof will be high-quality asphalt shingles.

The borough has mandated that all fraternities have an automatic sprinkler system installed by September 1, 2008. Only eight fraternities have completed the task. **We are thankful to be among the eight.**

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

Morrill Chapter of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity Inc.

Statement of Activities for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2004	2003
Public Support	0	5,000
Total Public Support	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Revenues		
Dividends	1,155	1,126
Interest	27	18
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	<u>5,792</u>	<u>(648)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,974</u>	<u>496</u>
Total Public Support and Revenues	6,974	5,496
Expenses		
Scholarships	2,500	2,500
Charitable Registration Fee	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	2,500	2,500
Change in Net Assets	4,474	2,996
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	49,241	46,245
Net Assets at End of Year	53,715	49,241

Alpha Zeta Fraternity Charitable Trust

Balance Sheets for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

Current Assets	2004	2003
Cash	6,690	5,510
Investments	<u>49,225</u>	<u>46,231</u>
Total Assets	<u>55,915</u>	<u>51,741</u>
Liabilities		
Scholarships Payable	2,200	2,500
Total Liabilities	2,200	2,500
Net Assets	53,715	49,241
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	55,915	51,741

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Balance Sheets for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

Current Assets	2004	2003
Cash & Cash Equivalents	9,518	8,660
Investments	41,769	64,257
Prepaid Expenses	12,719	22,929
Accounts Receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	64,006	95,846
Property and Equipment		
Land	582	582
Land Improvements	4,505	4,505
Building & Improvements	544,865	443,229
Furniture	<u>86,692</u>	<u>77,321</u>
Total Property & Equipment	<u>636,644</u>	<u>525,637</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>299,125</u>	<u>277,403</u>
Total Property and Equipment	337,519	248,234
Total Assets	401,525	344,080
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Security Deposits	<u>7,450</u>	<u>6,250</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,450</u>	<u>6,250</u>
Intermediate Liabilities		
PNC Line of Credit	91,729	50,229
Total Intermediate Liabilities	<u>91,729</u>	<u>50,229</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>99,179</u>	<u>56,479</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>302,346</u>	<u>287,601</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	401,525	344,080

Alpha Zeta Fraternity Charitable Trust

Statement of Activities for Fiscal Years Ending August 31

	2004	2003
Public Support	63,826	161,346
Revenues		
Rents	26,690	19,500
Interest, Dividends, Realized Gains	485	1,321
Total Revenues	<u>27,175</u>	<u>20,821</u>
Total Public Support and Revenues	91,001	182,167
Expenses		
Alumni Relations	8,560	10,417
Fundraising	3,854	9,857
Scholarships	2,500	—
Auditing/Tax Prep.	850	0
Bank Charges	670	46
Registration Fee	0	—
Depreciation	21,669	8,689
Annual Meeting	1,511	1,557
Professional Fees & Arch. Eng.	0	—
Insurance	19,465	20,897
Office Expense	163	21
Repairs	6,354	4,082
Interest	6,349	346
Taxes — Real Estate	6,811	6,441
Total Expenses	<u>76,256</u>	<u>64,853</u>
Changes in Net Assets	14,745	117,314
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	287,601	170,287
Net Assets at End of Year	302,346	287,601

Why You Support the Annual Fund

Your support for our alumni chapter's annual fund proves your commitment to the future of Morrill Chapter. Your annual gift is an investment in our organization's potential to make a positive impact in the lives of young people.

Your annual contribution affirms that:

- Alpha Zeta still provides the best leadership development and character building opportunities on campus;
- You support the spirit of volunteerism that drives our alumni board and other volunteers;
- The value of friendships forged at Alpha Zeta grows as time passes and should be celebrated with reunions, annual gatherings and other events.

Alumni contributions to the annual fund, which runs from September through August each year, make possible the *Morrill Messenger* newsletter, event invitations and other forms of alumni communications. Your annual support is crucial to the success of our chapter and our alumni relations program. See page 3 for progress toward our Annual Fund Goal ■

GPA last semester was 3.27, making us third in the IFC. Again we put on a Thon fun auction to help raise money for the philanthropy; it was well attended, and we raised over \$800. As always, our members keep extremely busy, and many hold leadership positions in various clubs on Ag Hill.

Also we met with the new associate dean of the College of Agriculture, Dr. Marcos Fernandez. We presented a Powerpoint slide show to help him become more familiar



The newly initiated members of Alpha Zeta.

with our chapter and its history. He then talked with us about his goals for agriculture fraternities here at Penn State.

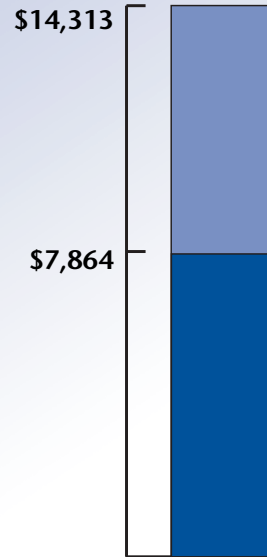
Lastly, we have 10 graduating seniors we would like to wish good luck to: **Joshua Bennicoff, Andrew Flinchbaugh, Katie Harwick, Darryl Marshall, Erin Munger, Andrew Prusinowski, Tony Resh, Ana Rodriguez, Erin Shaw and Randy Wolfe.** ■



The Morrill Chapter was well represented in the NESAs competition at Rutgers University.

Going for the Goal!

Alpha Zeta is a little over halfway to reaching our goal of \$14,313, a 25 percent increase over last year! Currently there are 87 people who gave last year but haven't yet this year, and 156 more who gave sometime in the last five years but not this year.



Now is the time to renew your commitment to your friends and our traditions by making a contribution of \$250, \$100, \$50, \$35 or more!

Add your name to the 2004-05 Honor Roll now by calling our toll-free donation hotline at (800) 975-6699, logging onto our secure Web site at www.alphazetapsu.com or filling out the enclosed form. ■

Alumni UpDates

Barbara Baker Johnson

(1040 Sierra Dr., Turlock, CA 95380-3432)
Lyle Baker '42 was my first husband, who passed away in 1981. We've just visited the site where his B-24 went down. He and his bombardier were the only survivors. He was a POW in Germany for about 10 months.

Howard J. Merrill '42

(1053 W. Fifth St., Ontario, CA 91762-1524)
 I served on the faculty of the Department of Dairy Husbandry in 1948-53. Later I managed a large dairy-herd operation in Florida, Arizona and California. This was followed by a career with The Prudential Insurance Co., from which I retired in 1982. I spend nearly six months of the year in New York and Pennsylvania, doing landscaping on the family farm and working as a volunteer on gardening and composting projects with an organization serving the handicapped. I have attended nearly every home football game since 1982.

John L. Hall '51

(P.O. Box 750, Girdwood, AK 99587-0750; jlhall2416@aol.com) Alive and well. We have lived in Alaska for over 44 years. I'm still active in forestry consulting.

John D. Sink '56

(2726 Phillips Dr. S.W., Marietta, GA 30064-4224; jsink@spsu.edu) Just celebrated my

70th birthday and assumed new responsibilities as chair of the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Physics at SPSU.

Richard W. Walter '66

(26 Lexington Ct., Midland, MI 48642-3536; RICK9709@sbcglobal.net) After 30.5 years at Dow Chemical, I retired as of December 1, 2004. So far I have been so busy I have not had time to learn what retirement is all about. Chris and I plan to remain in Midland and retreat to our cottage in Traverse City often. Best wishes to all.

William R. Prescott '79

(1810 Church Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036; Roy@Hydas.com) All is fairly well here. We had to curtail our traveling somewhat, due to health problems with Gail (nothing really serious). We planned a trip to Nova Scotia by car and got as far as Bar Harbour, Maine. The next morning we were to drive onto the ferry to cross to Halifax, but Gail had picked up some insidious bug and was in no condition to hazard any rough sea duty, so we decided to go home. Gail crawled into the back seat and fell into a sound sleep. Somewhere in Connecticut I got off I-495 and filled up with gas, continued south then headed west on the Massachusetts Turnpike. About 20 miles along the way I got a phone call. Seems I'd left Gail back at the gas station. I expected to find a

David A. Morrow '56

(240 Lion's Hill Rd., E401, State College, PA 16803; DMorrow@psu.edu) Dave and Linda moved to The Village at Penn State on January 4.

On January 15, he celebrated his 70th birthday with a small group of friends in our new apartment. Despite Alzheimer's, he still knows and enjoys longtime friends.



very unhappy camper when I picked her up, but she was just so relieved that my phone had been turned on. We both had a good laugh. In our advancing years we're learning to find amusement in our absent-minded foibles.

Keith B. Lutz '80

(244 Lutz Rd., Oakdale, PA 15071-1509; kblutz@msn.com) I've been out of the farming business for 18 years now. Still live on the farm where my cousin now raises short-horn cattle for show. I am now a pilot and manager of flight operations for a

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Alumni UpDates

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corporation in Pittsburgh. I married Gail from college 22 years ago and have two fine sons, 13 and 16 years old. I am working on my MBA through the Internet. It's a slow process but, with everything else I have going, it is the only way to go. Life has been good since AZ, but I'm surprised that the brothers from about '78 to the mid-'80s post so little online. A lot of good things happened at AZ. Learning to be part of a team was very important, and our pledge class worked well together. One of my best memories of pledging was sneaking out of the attic during a house meeting and attacking the brothers with snowballs while they met in the living room. The fraternity

Wanted! Your Email Addresses

Alpha Zeta is your strongest link to Penn State and the friends you made there. **We're on a mission to gather all the e-mail addresses of our alumni.** This will help you stay in touch with old friends and reconnect with others. We'll work to keep the list current, so you'll always know where to find a brother or sister's e-mail address.

Only members of the Morrill Chapter will have access to this information.

You can update your e-mail address by visiting our Web site at www.alphazetapsu.com or on the enclosed solicitation form! ■

and the brotherhood made college into much more than an education of books.

Michael F. Smith '80

(8815 Robert E. Lee Dr., Spotsylvania, VA 22553-3584; smithmc@infionline.net) Chris (PSU '81) and I just celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary. I retired from the Army as an LTC with 22+ years. I now work in the Pentagon as a support contractor on the Department of Army staff. Chris and I live on 20 acres in Spotsylvania County, Va., where we've just started a nonprofit horse rescue operation.

Juliana J. Baker '89

(77 Burdette Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25401; psufan89@msn.com) I completed an MA in counseling through WVU and have been a high school counselor since 2001. I obtained my national certification in 2002 and am working on my LPC license. I enjoy assisting in coaching various FFA career development event teams, especially in horticulture, forestry and public speaking. **Nelson Rice '87** visited last summer, and we did the Washington, D.C., tourist thing. I'd love to hear from AZ alumni, especially the pledge class of '85. How about a 20-year reunion?

Matthew T. Jewart '01

(941 Byers Ave., Apt. E, Chambersburg, PA 17201; mtjewart@hotmail.com) I've been working for ADM Alliance Nutrition in Franklin County for about three years. I am engaged to be married on July 2, 2005, near Penn State Mont Alto, to Cindy Senft. When married, our address will change to 14509 Shady Pine Rd., Willow Hill, PA 17271. I've been getting into the equine industry some. Currently I

am buying a property to fix up for a horse-training operation.

David V. Steinfelt '02

(RR 1 Box 64A, Athens, PA 18810; littlemarshian@hotmail.com) As most of you know, I recently married Tia Crider. We have since traveled to Hawaii and returned safely home. I am still teaching agriculture at Athens High School in Bradford County, and Tia is the 4-H educator in our county. We both are enjoying our new home and the northern tier of Pennsylvania. It seems that most of the brothers and sisters from my time at AZ are either married or engaged. I would like to say congratulations to them all, and I wish them a happy future. Feel free to stop in or give us a call anytime you are in the area.

Joshua D. Hushon '03

(28 W. Milwaukee Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538; jhushon@hoards.com) After graduating, I moved to Fort Atkinson, Wis., accepting a position as an associate editor at Hoards Dairyman. I am enjoying this work, even though I do miss the carefree days at the house. I have also become active in the Wisconsin Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association, which provides me a feeling of home once in a while. I hope all the other brothers and sisters are doing well, and I would love to hear from you.

David L. Munsee '04

(2261 Fardink Rd., Ashville, NY 14710; davidmunsee@yahoo.com) I have returned to my home county in New York after a brief career with Tractor Supply Company. I had the opportunity to take a job with Cornell Cooperative Extension, so I did. Recently I bought a house and have a new yellow Lab puppy. Things are going well. I really miss old State and AZ. ■

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