

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting

March 27

The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by the active chapter report.

Blue/White Weekend

April 24-25

Arts Fest

July 8-11

Homecoming

October 9

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ALUMNI REPORT

Join Us for March 27th Annual Meeting to Bid Farewell to Two Long-Time Board Volunteers

By Art Keen

The active chapter continues to improve the house. Over the Christmas break they completely refurbished the kitchen. All the kitchen equipment was removed and steam cleaned. The floor was removed and a ceramic tile floor was installed, the walls, stove hood and exhaust system were painted. The Board of Directors thanks the active for doing a great job. In the last several years the actives have completely remodeled the first floor.

We have two alumni stepping down from the Board at the end of March: **Roy Prescott '58** and **Aaron Harpster '96**. Both have served the fraternity faithfully during the last 9 to 10 years. Roy was vice president and alumni chair, and his duties included sending thank you

notes to all of our members. Aaron was housing and property chair, and his guidance during the remodeling was greatly appreciated. He will continue to serve the fraternity as a member of the Housing Property Committee.

The annual meeting of the fraternity will be held on March 27, 2010. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by the active chapter report. An RSVP form for the meeting is included on p. 3.

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

CHAPTER REPORT

Actives, Alumni and Parents Join Together to Give AZ Kitchen a New Look

By Daniel Hartzell

In this picture, Brother Spieker, Brother Frazier, Brother Harwick and Brother Altamuro are enjoying the newly remodeled kitchen. All of the work was done over Christmas break by

brothers, alumni and parents, and included stylish yellow paint, new ceramic tile and refinished wooden trim.

This spring we have our weekends scheduled full of canning trips for Thon, to raise money for kids with cancer. Other spring activities include cleaning up a 2 mile stretch of Route 45 outside State College and continued recycling efforts.

The house currently has a good mix of men and women in Animal Sciences, Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences, Forest Resources, Agricultural Business and Agricultural Systems Management. We are looking forward to having a large spring pledge class, as we have five graduating seniors. This semester we have 25 actives and 8 sisters.



Alpha Zeta Set the Path of a Lifelong Career for Richard Criley '62

For **Richard Criley '62**, the Alpha Zeta experience has lasted well into his alumni years. In fact, he has managed to keep a newsletter going for the Morrill Class of 1962 every year but one since he graduated (see a copy of the latest issue at www.alphazetapsu.com). Here, he shares his best AZ memories, how the fraternity led to his lifelong career, and other ways that Morrill Chapter has had a positive influence on his life.

What is your best memory from your fraternity days?

I think I remember "Big Weekends" when we decorated the House for parties. I often got to paint the mirror in the living room area with something related to the theme of the parties. Being a "dry" house, we had a lot of activities that were not centered around a keg of beer. One other memory is the sticky pecan rolls we had on Sunday mornings (I've never found a place since that had that kind) - sweet, gooey cinnamon syrup and pecans on layers of a sweetened dough.

Why did you join Alpha Zeta during your college years? What is the biggest thing you feel you learned from your Alpha Zeta experience?

I joined, in part, to get away from dorm life and its distractions and noise. Also, AZ was on campus adjacent to Rec Hall and I could go out the back door to my workouts on the PSU gymnastics team. AZ had a good GPA record (almost always top among the fraternities) and I was very academically motivated.

Plus it was a dry house.

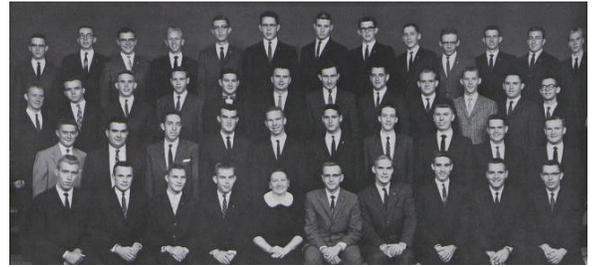
Things I learned: getting along with a great group of brothers, organizational skills, loyalty. There was always an older Brother to set you right if you went a little over the line.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Alpha Zeta?

It would not have changed my major, nor my ultimate career as a college professor and researcher. Not joining probably would have lessened my people skills and perhaps slowed my progression towards my goals, but I've had the drive to succeed and AZ contributed a lot to my capacity to work with others.

What's new in your life today?

I'm still on my first job (41.5 years) after graduating with my PhD from UCLA. I spent a good 20 years being active in a sport known as sports acrobatics, serving in all capacities in the national USA program and rising to chair of the international technical committee and holding one of the top international judging ratings. When the sport folded into USA Gymnastics in 2000, I was replaced. I had been active in the International Society for Horticultural Science from 1978 and have spent the past 7-1/2 years as Chair of the Section for Ornamental Plants and member of their Executive Committee. This has been



Richard Criley, pictured here on the very right of the third row, with the rest of the chapter in the 1961 LaVie.

a leadership role both in the organization and in participating in international symposia. In fact, I just came back from Taiwan where we held the first orchid research symposium under the auspices of the ISHS.

When not involved with my teaching and research, I enjoy country & western dancing, working out at the gym, beach time (after all, I do live in Hawaii), and assisting a local acrobatic troupe at the University of Hawaii.

Why do you financially support Morrill in your alumni years?

I had many good years and good memories of my years at AZ Morrill Chapter House and have felt that it was worth sustaining for new members at Penn State.

Reconnect with Richard!

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Darrell Hoffman '63 Has AZ to Thank for Meeting his Wife

(They Met at a Social Back in the '60s!)

Thank you to **Darrell Hoffman '63** for giving us a glimpse into his life during his AZ days and since graduation.

What is your best memory from your AZ days?

I met my future wife Anne at a ZTA/AZ social.

Why did you join AZ?

AZ was a dry, agricultural fraternity with emphasis on scholastic excellence.

How would your life be different today if you had never joined Alpha Zeta?

I might never have met my wife and brothers that continue to be friends.

Name two brothers you'd like to reconnect with.

Al Cartwright, Dave Clelland.

What have you been doing since graduation?

After two years in the U.S. Army (with a tour in Vietnam) I started my own veterinary

practice and this past year semi-retired. We have three children and four young grandsons.

Why do you financially support AZ in your alumni years?

It is important to give back to a brotherhood that meant so much to me.

Reconnect with Darrell!

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ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Will You Help Us Reach Our Goal?

As you know, the annual fund keeps us connected through publication of *Morrill Messenger*, maintenance of our web site and hosting of alumni events. It also enables us to perpetuate the AZ experience at Penn State by providing a strong support network to the active chapter.

Thanks to your continued support, we can keep our program going. Please help us to ensure we can keep our alumni network connected by renewing your

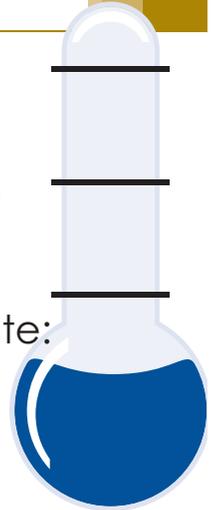
gift to the annual fund today. Remember, our alumni base is less than 1,000 members strong, so each and every gift makes a big difference.

There are three ways to make a donation:

- By returning the form that was enclosed with the recent appeal letter you received in the mail.
- Online at www.alphazetapsu.com.
- By calling 800-598-4050.

2009-10
Goal:
\$15,000

2009-10
Year to Date:
\$4,225



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We're Missing Them for 76% of You!

We have a shocking statistic to report: **we're missing email addresses for 76% of our alumni members!** Surely more than 231 of you have email addresses that you use on a daily basis.

Having a high percentage of email addresses is a critical advantage to our alumni association. Why? It saves us money on paper and printing, it enables us to communicate with you more frequently, and it allows us to

put you back in touch with long lost Alpha Zeta friends

We will never sell, trade or give away your email address – ever. Your email address will be stored in our secure database and used solely for AZ communications.

So please update your email address today to stay informed on the latest news and activities from Morrill Chapter undergraduates and alumni. You'll also receive

electronic reminders when we're getting ready to publish an issue of *Morrill Messenger* so that you can submit your latest news and photos for publication.

You can send your email address directly to our alumni relations firm at feedback@affinityconnection.com (mention AZ at Penn State) or update it on the back of the enclosed form.



Penn State Alpha Zeta Spring Alumni Meeting - March 27, 2010

Annual Meeting: 11:30 a.m.; Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

in my party: _____

I would like to sponsor _____ undergraduate meal(s)

Total meals (self, guest and undergraduate sponsorships) x \$15 = TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Name: _____ Grad Year: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Return this form to:

Art Keen
317 College Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603

**You can also RSVP to Art by calling 800-669-8795 or
by emailing bismoline@bismoline.com.**

ALUMNI UPDATES

'40s

John Cairns Jr. '44

(1060 Showalter Drive, Apt. 202, Blacksburg, VA 24060-6297) My 64th book should be online by the time you get this at www.johncairns.net. The title is "The Future Eaters."

'70s

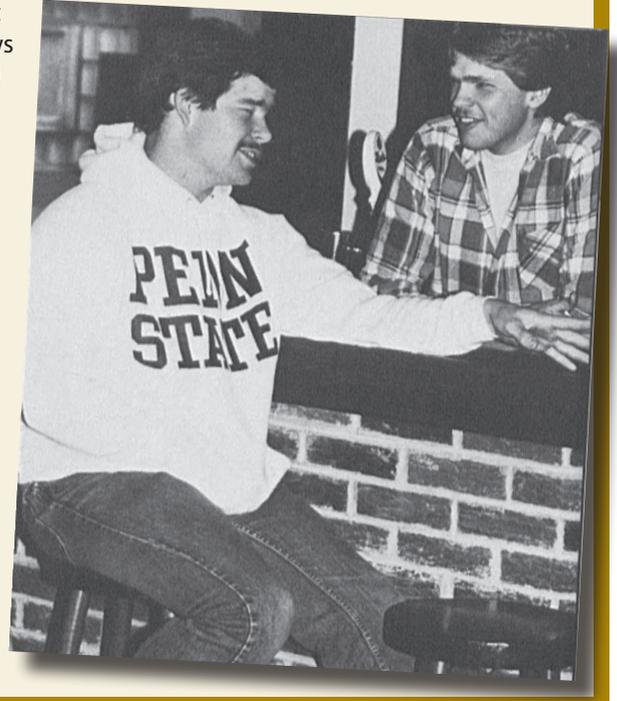
Dave Maille '70

(7653 Dutton Rd., Harborcreek, PA 16421; maillecon@aol.com) Andrea and I would like to announce the marriage of our youngest daughter Dominique to Eli Visnick in Erie, Pa. on August 1st. The couple lives in Loganville (south of York) and both work in MD.

Submit YOUR update at www.alphazetapsu.com/

From the Archives...

We want to see more great photos and read more news from our alumni members! Send your submissions to our editors at content@affinityconnection.com, or upload it at www.alphazetapsu.com.



Eric Miller and Tim Fitzpatrick, from the 1986 LaVie.

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- A Look at the Newly Remodeled AZ Kitchen
- Details of our March 27th Alumni Meeting

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