



MORRILL MESSENGER

SPRING 2000

Morrill Chapter of The Fraternity of Alpha Zeta

Your Continued Support is Appreciated

By Arthur H. Keen '68, Alpha Zeta Corporation President

The scholarship fund has been making great progress under the leadership of David Beppler '52. This year's applications are being submitted by e-mail. This change has been very well received by the applicants and will make the selection process easier.

An anonymous donor has established a need-based scholarship for Alpha Zeta members, through the College of Agricultural Sciences. This scholarship will be awarding \$750 this year. Additions may be made to the scholarship by donating to the College of Agricultural Sciences and specifying the Alpha Zeta need-based scholarship or by donating to the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Trust.

The combination of the Alpha Zeta scholarships awarded through the College of Agricultural Sciences and the scholarships awarded by the Scholarship Trust will result in about \$5,000 worth of scholarships in the coming school year. About \$2,000 of this total will come from the Alpha Zeta Scholarship Trust. Included on Page 2 are financial reports of the Alpha Zeta Corporation and the scholarship trust.

At the annual meeting held on April 8, 2000, Dave Beppler and Mike Schlegel '88 were reelected to the Board of Directors.

I have received letters and phone calls from a number of Alpha Zeta alumni. Marshall Carothers '69 phoned from The Woodlands, Texas. It was great to hear from Marshall again. Wayne Heberling '34 also phoned. He worked at Penn Dairies in Lancaster and knew my father, Robert Keen. He attended his 65th class reunion last year. Three members of the class of 800 were able to attend. Letters were received from Howard J. Merrill '42, Ontario, Calif., and Bill Weiger '64, Pineville, La.

The letters and phone calls are appreciated. If you have questions or ideas concerning Alpha Zeta, please contact me:

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Alpha Zeta Named Fifth Most Active Chapter

By Michael L. Flinchbaugh '02, Chancellor

Since the last *Morrill Messenger*, much has happened at the Morrill chapter. In the fall, four new brothers were initiated: Jason O. Butler '02, Troy F. Miller '01, Timothy T. Mohn '01 and Dale L. Thomas '02. In addition, Zachary Gay and Heather Walker were initiated as honorary members. There are currently 24 brothers and 13 sisters on the undergraduate chapter roster.

During the holiday season, the chapter again participated in the annual Interfraternity Council's house-decorating contest. A Christmas dinner, which was attended by many potential rushees and friends of the brotherhood, was prepared during finals week in the fall to send everybody home for the holidays on a good note. During the spring semester, we again participated in the Agri-Ability fund-raiser, raising money for those disabled in farm accidents. In addition, this spring several brothers participated in a 5K run that benefited the American Cancer Society.

We have continued to do well academically with 10 brothers and sisters earning places on the dean's list for fall semester 1999. Our average GPA was 3.02, and we moved up to 10th place among fraternities. In addition, we are also one of the most active Greek organizations on campus with 82 percent active in other clubs and organizations. This level of involvement helps us to achieve our goals of leadership in the College of Agricultural Sciences and was enough to place us as the fifth most active chapter among both fraternities and sororities combined.

Beginning last semester, the undergraduate chapter began making efforts to reach potential rushees who will be transferring from branch campuses. In the fall semester, a delegation of brothers and sisters visited Penn State Berks campus and gave a presentation to the Ag Club there. A mailing was also sent to all branch campus students in the College of Agricultural Sciences who will be transferring to main campus next fall informing them about Alpha Zeta and the opportunities we offer. As always, we are actively rushing prospective members at University Park and would greatly appreciate any names or referrals of prospective rushees who will be coming to our campus.

This year's graduating class is very talented, and we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**MORRILL CHAPTER OF THE ALPHA ZETA
FRATERNITY, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1999**

ASSETS		
	1999	1998
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	19,088	7,293
Investments	16,926	16,055
Prepaid Expenses	6,162	4,902
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	42,176	28,250
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	582	582
Land improvements	4,505	4,505
Building and Improvements	227,878	227,878
Furniture	75,923	75,923
Total Property and Equipment	308,888	308,888
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	252,574	244,800
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	56,314	64,088
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>98,490</u>	<u>92,338</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	10,050	3,914
Income Taxes Payable	-0-	73
Security Deposits	950	950
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,000	4,937
COMMITMENTS		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	87,490	87,401
TOTAL NET ASSETS	87,490	87,401
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>98,490</u>	<u>92,338</u>

**ALPHA ZETA FRATERNITY CHARITABLE TRUST
BALANCE SHEETS
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1999**

Assets		
Cash	2,192	1,547
Investments	47,734	45,120
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>49,926</u>	<u>46,667</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>49,926</u>	<u>46,667</u>

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999**

	UNRESTRICTED	
	1999	1998
PUBLIC SUPPORT	25,598	10,880
REVENUES		
Rentals, Chapter House	20,000	20,000
Interest, Dividends and Realized Gains	1,501	4,821
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(465)	(1,674)
Total Revenues	21,036	23,147
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	46,634	34,027
EXPENSES		
Alumni Service	7,483	8,501
Fund-Raising: Feasibility Study	14,229	-0-
Auditing	1,100	1,100
Bank charges	10	7
Housing Permit	100	100
Depreciation	7,773	8,270
Homecoming	1,781	861
Promotion	136	-0-
Insurance	7,419	8,367
Officers' Expense	213	209
Repairs	530	2,260
Taxes, Real Estate	5,696	5,472
TOTAL EXPENSES	46,470	35,147
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	164	(1,120)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES ON UNRELATED INCOME	75	573
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	89	(1,693)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	87,401	89,094
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>87,490</u>	<u>87,401</u>

**ALPHA ZETA FRATERNITY CHARITABLE TRUST
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1999**

	UNRESTRICTED	
	1999	1998
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Contributions	350	250
Total Public Support	350	250
REVENUES		
Dividends	3,571	4,867
Interest	24	24
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	529	(1,716)
Total Revenues	4,124	3,175
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	4,474	3,425
EXPENSES		
Scholarships	1,200	3,000
Charitable Registration Fee	15	-0-
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,215	3,000
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	3,259	425
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	46,667	46,242
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>49,926</u>	<u>46,667</u>

Annual Meeting... Conducting Business and Sharing Memories

By Dale Thomas '02

On Sunday, April 9, 2000, the spring meeting for the alumni and current undergraduate members of the Morrill chapter was held in the chapter living room. The meeting was a great time to conduct business concerning the corporation board and share fond memories of Alpha Zeta. More than 30 persons attended, making what seemed a gloomy day much brighter.

A report from the undergraduate chapter stated that our GPA of 3.02 has earned us a ranking of 10th among all fraternities on campus. In addition, 82 percent of undergraduates are involved in other clubs and organizations on campus.

We hope that next spring, many more can join us for the festivities. The undergraduate brothers and sisters welcome you to come back and visit any time, since we all love to hear stories of your times here at Alpha Zeta.



Over 30 members attended the Annual Meeting.

Spring 2000 Pledge Class... Excited to be Alpha Zetas

By Jennifer Flinchbaugh '03

The spring 2000 pledge class is more than excited to be members of the Alpha Zeta family. We are very active in Ag Hill organizations on campus. Mary Bamford is a member of the Penn State equestrian team, which was recently selected to travel to the national competition. Heather Jasienski and I are extremely active in the Block and Bridle Club, and we recently served as sheep superintendents at the 83rd Little International. Erik Traver and Charlie Mearkle are currently members of the dairy judging team, while Angela Barron is active in the Dairy Science Club and will be showing a heifer in the Dairy Exposition. Travis Donough is an employee at the swine barns, and Mandy Jewart is active in intramural sports, including soccer and softball. Mandy also served as the pledge class "handy-



Spring 2000 pledge class, from left to right: Charlie T. Mearkle '02, Heather M. Jasienski '02, Jennifer L. Flinchbaugh '03, Mary J. Bamford '01, Amanda M. Jewart '03, Erik B. Traver '02 and Angela M. Barron '01. Travis E. Donough '03 (not pictured).

man," fixing everything from the coffee table in the house living room to the dining room chairs.

As our pledge class project, the spring pledge class assembled a Morrill Chapter family tree containing each of the family lines. We hope that this family tree will be continually updated by future pledge classes, and that it will be cherished by the brothers and sisters of Alpha Zeta for years to come.

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Alpha Zetans Broaden their Horizons in Ireland

By Angie Moschini '01

Spring Break 2000 brought a whole new experience for 12 Alpha Zetans, who traveled to Ireland with Sour Penn State Dairy Science Club. For most, it was their first time out of the country. Our trip began on March 3 with a very long bus ride to JFK airport and then an even longer flight to Ireland. Early Saturday morning, we arrived in Dublin very weary, but our advisors had plans for us that did not include sleeping. We took a tour of the city and ended it with a stop at the infamous Guinness Brewery. Sunday we toured Hayden farms and got our first taste of Irish dairying. On Monday we visited Moorepark, which is an Irish agricultural research station. Here we learned about the grazing systems that most farms in Ireland traditionally use. The rest of the week was followed by more farms and a great deal of sightseeing. On Monday and Tuesday, we were very lucky to visit Blarney Castle — where most members kissed the Blarney Stone — and Bunratty Folk Park. On Wednesday and Thursday we attempted to see the Cliffs of Mohrer and the Great Causeway, but typical Irish rainy weather did not permit this. The landscape we saw was absolutely beautiful with their green lush pastures spotted with grazing animals. Alpha Zetans also experienced the night life in Ireland that was much different from our own. Every undergraduate who attended had a great time, and we are looking forward to next year's spring break!

48th Annual Reunion... Enjoyable and Heartwarming



Front row, left to right: Grace Griffiths, Don Griffiths, Leroy Schlagel, Bill Heyser and Mary Brown.
Middle row: Dick Owens, Elaine Case, Gerry Seipt, Ruth Deisley, Margie Mayer, Marie Heyser, Sue Lattanzi, Delores Pierson and Phyllis Simpson. Back row: Bill Angstadt, Harvey Brown, Jim Case, Don Seipt, Olie Simpson, Bill Mayer, Vern Smith, Bill Deisley, Michael Funchbaugh, Kevin Harvatine, Adam Henning and Jim Pierson.

Twenty-eight Alpha Zetans of the Class of 1950 — give or take a few years — reunited at the Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, Pa., on October 24, 1999, for fun and fellowship. Undergraduates Adam Henning, Devin Harvetine and Michael Flinchbaugh presented a video and verbal report on the status of the House, including our past, present and where we are headed.

Make plans to join us on October 25, 2000, for our next reunion. We hope you can join us!



Alumni News and Updates

In 1999, **Robert H. Rumler '36** (937 Wallace Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201) received top honors from the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for "distinguished service to agriculture."

Wilson C. Dickson '39 (P.O. Box 2616, Winchester, VA 22604) is active in the Torch Club, Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Friends of the Library Board. He also enjoys gardening.

We heard from **Albert S. Mowery '39** (941 Fifth Dr., Vero Beach, FL 32960) in December. He'd had a stroke in April 1999 that severely effected his right side. After intense rehabilitation, his speech was returning and he had regained enough strength in his arm and leg to return home. Albert has received a great deal of support from his five children. We send our best wishes to him on his recovery.

John L. Gray '41 (Rivercliff 46-A, 2000 Magnolia Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202) serves as chairman of the policy/legislative committee of the Arkansas Division of the Society of American Foresters

and as a member of the executive committee of the Arkansas Wildlife Federation.

Harvey E. Shaffer '43 (3301 Shellers Bend, #901, State College, PA 16801; hes2@psu.edu) has published a book on the genealogy of the Shafer/Daugherty families.

In the spring of 1999, **Caleb M. Pennock Jr. '48** (2214 Greenbrier Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22901) traveled to China to see the Great Wall and the life-size terra cotta warriors. He had a wonderful trip.

After selling his dairy farm in Somerset County, Pa., and his apartments in Frostburg, Md., **Norman H. Gnagey '49** moved to 11 Tourin Ln., Jericho, VT 05465. He and Dorothy enjoy travel and are active in volunteer work. Norman attended his 50th reunion last year.

Richard S. Adams '50 (445 W. Ridge Ave., State College, PA 16803) retired from Penn State in the early 1990s and from large-herd and legal-case consulting in January 1999. He continues to volunteer as operator of a non-profit inn in

Maine and to play trumpet in three bands.

Traveling, visiting with family and playing golf keep **Donald W. Griffiths Jr. '50** (607 Queens Crossing, Williamsburg, VA 23185) busy these days. He had a great time last fall at a gathering of brothers of the Class of 1950 and was looking forward to their 50th reunion this June. Don has six grandchildren.

While on a cruise to Alaska last July, Joanne and **Stanley A. Walton '51** (1092 Cocklin St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; sanj@bellatlantic.net) had lunch with Carol and **John Hall '51** at a ski resort near the Halls' home in Girdwood. The Waltons enjoyed great weather during their two-week tour and a magnificent view of Mt. McKinley.

Roy E. Prescott '58 (2 Creekside Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011) was looking forward to a trip to Fiji, Australia and New Zealand this spring. Last year, he traveled the Amazon River by boat and visited the Inca city of Machu Picchu in Peru.



After 33 years with Monrovia Nursery Co., **James A. Poorbaugh '63** (860 High Dr., Laguna Beach, CA 92651; jpoorbaugh@home.com) has partially retired to allow more time for golf and travel. He and Kay went to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji last fall. James and **Al Cartwright '64**, a veterinarian in Glendale, Calif., get together to watch Penn State football on television.

Gary E. Green '66 (611 South St., McSherrystown, PA 17344) serves as yard manager for Delone Catholic High School. Besides having daily driving duties, he is in charge of the bus fleet maintenance and driver training program. Gary's first granddaughter, Lauryn, was born in July 1999.

AZ Spring 2000 Initiates

Mary J. Bamford '01 • Fox Chapel, Pa. • Animal Science
 Angela M. Barron '01 • Somerset, Pa. • Animal Bioscience
 Travis E. Donough '03 • Manheim, Pa. • Animal Science
 Jennifer L. Flinchbaugh '03 • Dallastown, Pa. • Animal Bioscience
 Heather M. Jasienski '02 • Felton, Pa. • Agricultural Business Management
 Amanda M. Jewart '03 • Home, Pa. • Landscape Contracting
 Charlie T. Mearkle '02 • Everett, Pa. • Animal Science
 Erik B. Traver '02 • Tunkhannock, Pa. • Animal Science



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Alumni News and Updates

William J. Bowers '69 (2150 Banbury Dr., Enola, PA 17025; wjbowers@aol.com) was honored as an "Outstanding Alumnus" by the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State this past October.

Last year, **Carol J. O. Schurman '73** (1663 Rte. 580 Hwy., Clymer, PA 15728) served as co-chair of the annual conference of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents in Pittsburgh, Pa.

As the land manager for two nature preserves owned and operated by PP&L Inc., **Frederick C. Gast '74** (253 Delaware Dr., Watsontown, PA 17777; gasts@csrlink.net) is responsible for stewardship of the natural resources, coordinating farmland leases, improvements in wildlife habitat, the development of environmental education resources and coordinating college internships.

Bernard C. Linn Jr. '74 (7 Wilhelm Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042) is a guaranteed housing specialist with USDA-Rural Development. His daughter, Corinna, is a freshman at University Park.

Lawrence J. Nashett '75 (Upper Saranac Lake, HCR 2, Box 532, Tupper Lake, NY 12986; larnbyn@northnet.org) served as New York's project manager for a recently completed eight-year experimental sea lamprey control program in Lake Champlain. The project, which won two prestigious national awards in 1999, is a cooperative venture of the

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mark P. Bridgen '77 (26 Woodland Rd., Storrs, CT 06268; markbridgen@hotmail.com), a professor of horticulture at the University of Connecticut, received a Fulbright Fellowship to spend his sabbatical leave at the Universidad de Talca in Chile in the fall of 1999.

Patricia A. Wolff '78 (808 Crocus Dr., Rockville, MD 20850) celebrated the Millennium at a New Year's Eve party hosted by Natalie and **Mark Guise '76**. Others in attendance included **Eric Bengston '72**, **Glenn Miller '76**, the spouses and seven children.

In August 1999, **Timothy J. Fritz '86** (648 Glen Run Dr., Atglen, PA 19310; tjf4@psu.edu) joined the Penn State Cooperative Extension as the farm management agent for Lancaster and Chester Counties. During the previous two years, he helped his brother build a 400-acre dairy farm "from the ground up" in Springfield, Tenn. Tim and Carolyn have four children.

John P. Rost '96 has a new job and address. He is an organic chemist with Recra LabNet and residing at 109 Golf Course Rd., Mohnton, PA 19540. John and his wife, Denise, welcomed the arrival of a son, Parker, in June '99.

Dairy farmer **David M. Fava '97** (480 Pittsburgh Rd., Bentleyville, PA 15314; dmf@bentcom.net) is a herd manager at Co-Hill Farms.

As a volunteer in the new agriculture sector of Peace Corps Nicaragua, **Jeff R. Christiansen '99** (Correos de Condega, Nicaragua, Central America; jrc187@alumni.psu.edu) is working in the northern part of the country with small producers to improve food security and start 4-H Clubs.

We regret to inform you of the death of the following members:
Harold A. Willman '27 (7/14/99),
Glenn E. Miller '30 (9/30/99),
Frank A. Higgins '31 (12/15/99),
Ansel S. Wood '33 (11/8/99),
Charles L. Bowman '47 (11/1/99)
Terry F. Miller '80 (10/16/99).
Alpha Zeta mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.

Recommendations Sought...

If you know of any incoming freshmen or transfer students within the College of Agricultural Sciences or Life Sciences, please put in a good word for Alpha Zeta. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give us in this area of Alpha Zeta operations.

Where are They?

There are many members who are not receiving the MORRILL MESSENGER newsletter or any other mailings. On the back of the enclosed newsform is a list of our "lost" members. We would like to establish communications with them. If you know the whereabouts of any of these folks, please help us and send the requested information. Space is provided on the back of the newsform for correct addresses. Thank you!



MORRILL MESSENGER is published for the members and friends of Alpha Zeta Fraternity of The Pennsylvania State University. Address changes, news items, contributions and photos are welcome. Send them in the enclosed envelope to:
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