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President's Report

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

The Latest News from the Board

The annual College of Agricultural Science banquet was held October 12, 2004. Fifteen undergraduate brothers and sisters attended the event. **Nathan Schanbacher '05** was given the Alpha Zeta Lindley and Dorothy Dennis Memorial Award.

In January we will seek bids to replace the roof, the side porch roofs and the railings.

Andrew Flinchbaugh '05 and **Katherine Harwick '05** were awarded the Alpha Zeta

Fraternity Scholarship. In addition, **Daryl Maulfair** and **Nicole Boyle** received the Alpha Zeta Charitable Trust Awards. Alpha Zeta alumni in attendance were **Roy Prescott '58**, **Ed Fehnel '54** and **David Beppler '53**.

In your annual giving to Penn State University, donations may be directed to two Alpha Zeta sponsored scholarships: the Alpha Zeta Fraternity Scholarship and the Alpha Zeta Lindley and Dorothy Dennis Memorial Award. Also, tax deductible contributions may be donated to the Alpha Zeta Charitable Trust.

Our new scholarship chairperson, **Chris Connelly '99**, did an excellent job chairing the scholarship committee. Also serving on the committee were **Jessica Worobey '04**, **Jeremiah Fernley '04**, **David Beppler** and Dr. **Lisa Holden '87**.

We were too late in seeking bids to replace the slate roof on the house, so the job has been postponed until next year. In January we will seek bids to replace the roof, the side porch roofs and the railings.

When the university established the branch campus system during the 1950s and 1960s, the

undergraduate chapter thought it would create a problem with rush. The students come to University Park with only two years remaining until graduation. Today, a higher percentage than ever of the University Park students get started at the branch campuses.

To help remedy this problem, the board is exploring the possibility of establishing a satellite chapter at the Berks campus (where there is an extensive agriculture program). The students would come to the University Park campus already as Alpha Zeta members. If any brothers or sisters in southeastern Pennsylvania would like to help with this project, please contact me.

I want to thank chancellor **Tony Resh** and the undergraduate chapter members for doing an excellent job during 2003-04. They have

worked hard to improve the appearance of the house and the scholastic performance of the fraternity.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the fraternity, please contact me at

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The annual meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2005.

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The Semester Is Going Smoothly

By *Tony L. Resh, Chancellor*

This semester at the Morrill Chapter of Alpha Zeta has been very good for the brothers and sisters. The house was ranked number two in grade point average out of 51 fraternities, with a house GPA of 3.28. We also competed in the homecoming activities with Sigma Alpha. We did not win any of the events but did have a great time working together to complete the float.

The Nittany Lion Fall Classic is in full swing, and the brothers and sisters are very active with the sale again this year. Everything in the house is going smoothly. We are getting ready to elect new officers and initiate our three new members. ■

George K. Davis '32

(2903 S.W. 2nd Ct., Gainesville, FL 32601-9057; Davis.GK@worldnet.att.net) I've been retired for 25 years, officially, and I'm beginning to slow down. This year, for the first time, I have not gone to meetings of the scientific societies or the National Academy. My hearing has deteriorated so I'm dependent on a hearing aid. It has been a long time since I heard from those I knew at Penn State in 1932.

Leonard W. Aurand '41

(921 Trailwood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27606-3708; eaurand@juno.com) I stopped by Alpha Zeta the weekend of July 17 on my way to a family reunion in Lewistown and sure was surprised at the amount of remodeling. I hope to visit you while school is in session. It sure brought back many pleasant memories of my days at AZ.

Charles W. Rutschky '43

(305 Village Hts. Dr., #124, State College, PA 16801; cir2@psu.edu) Pre-WWII members are sent greetings and good wishes from Mary Grove who is in reasonably good health and gets around on her own. Mary was assistant housekeeper in 1942 with Alice Crandall.

John D. Sink '56

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

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In Loving Memory of a Husband

Before retiring in 1984, **Frederik Rasmussen '42** spent 38 years employed by Kraft Foods. Frederik and Ruth were married for 61 years and enjoyed 20 years of retirement together, with hobbies, vacations, travel, swimming, watching football and even making the trip every year since 1967 to see the football team play. This was the first year they missed that due to Frederik's illness. He had never been sick a day in his life until this past year. On their last anniversary Frederik wrote a letter to Ruth saying, "I'd do it all again."

When Ruth was asked what kind of man her husband was, she said, "Frederik had a very productive life and he was a happy man, very patient and an amazingly strong man. He was a wonderful husband and father." He passed away on September 15, 2004.

Ruth, likewise a 1942 Penn State graduate, majored in history and later taught secondary education. It has been a tough road for Ruth, now that she's alone. She takes one day at a time.

She says their favorite thing to do together throughout the decades was to keep up and get together with the brothers of Alpha Zeta.



Who are some of the brothers you and your husband remained in contact with?

Earl Johnson '42 was one. In fact, two of Earl's sons graduated from Penn State. Also **Keen Campbell '42**, who was a former president of the fraternity, and **John Philips '42**. I wrote to them when they were in the service; it was wartime you know. Frederik was a lieutenant JG on an LST in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters for the Navy.

Please tell us about your family.

We had three children, all sons — Erik, Kirk (deceased) and Frederik Mark. We also have three grandchildren. One of our granddaughters is 15 and in Denver, Colorado. Two grandchildren are in this area, a 10-year-old grandson and a 7-year-old granddaughter.

What did Frederik do for a living?

When he graduated he went to work for the Department of Agriculture in the Processed Food Inspection Division. Shortly after that he went into the military, and when he returned he went to work for Kraft and worked there for 38 years in the Sealtest Division. For the last 18 years of employment he was vice president and director of Kraft Foods Dairy Group.

What else would you like us to know about your husband?

He was a very kind man. He had a great sense of humor, and I hear that all the time from people.

What are your future goals?

I have to try to make it through each day. We did everything together for the last 20 years. We were so much a part of each other's lives.

What are your hobbies?

We liked to travel and play bridge. We spent a lot of time with his extended family.

What advice do you think your husband would give to the current members of the undergraduate chapter?

I think he'd tell them to hang in there the best they can. It's a tough time of life.

Anyone interested in contacting Ruth may call her at home in Moorestown, New Jersey, at 856-234-2614. ■

Edgar E. Fehnel '54

(4939 88th St. E., Bradenton, FL 34211; edfehnel@comcast.net) A few days ago I remembered this photo and thought it might be interesting to others.



L-R, standing: *Pete Fenchak '54, Morris Brown Jr. '54 (is he really in a tux?), John Sarikianos '54, John Mountain '54, Herb Cole '54, Norm Mitterling '53, John Milsom '54, Ned Clark '54, Jim Allison '54, Carl Swartz '54. Kneeling: Bill Newhart '54, Ted DuBois '54, Edgar Fehnel '54.*

Navy senior captain, United Methodist senior pastor, Penn State's Fayette Campus CEO. Recently bought our retirement home in Eastpoint, Fla., but we haven't decided when to retire!

Daniel J. Karg '57

(933 Rockland Cranberry Rd., Kennerdell, PA 16374; dmkgarg@earthlink.net) I am now 69 and a grandfather 15 times. None of my kids went to Harvard, but some of them have gone to Penn State. One is currently an F-15 pilot with the Air Force. All nine have made a contribution to a better America, and I think we should thank God for a president who can see beyond the trivialities of lesser men.

Roy E. Prescott '58

(2 Creekside Ln., Camp Hill, PA 17011-1304; rprescott@verizon.net) I am enjoying excellent health. My hobbies are visiting my children and grandkids, volunteer work, golf, yard work, tennis, music, photography, keeping out of Gail's way, being a church elder (with all that entails) and taking an occasional nap.

David L. Graham '61

(46189 195th St., Estelline, SD 57234-6013) Just couldn't hold a job! Was on the faculty in veterinary pathology/wildlife diseases at Iowa State University, Cornell and finally at Texas A&M, when I retired

from the chair I held from 1987 to 1998. I was led to believe retirement was that well-deserved time for "quiet reflection." Guess that's why I dreaded it so!

Actually, I can't fit in much (any?) time for reflection! For the good part of four decades I put a bunch of interests on the back burner and am now deeply involved in art (stone and glass carving and engraving), photographing prehistoric rock art, luthery (making harps, and not playing them very well...), serving on the board and as president of the Brookings (S.D.) Arts Council, working in a

cooperative artists' gallery in Watertown, S.D., traveling (often to Scotland and Alaska and frequently on stone-gathering forays throughout the U.S.), biking, cross-country skiing, volunteering with the local Democratic Party and editing the newsletter of the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Sioux Falls.

Lee, James (adopted) and Tom (stepson) are all well and scattered about the country. Jeremy just got his driver's license. We are in South Dakota because Tanya, also a veterinary pathologist, didn't have the sense to be old enough to retire, so she's on the faculty at South Dakota State in the veterinary diagnostic lab as diagnostic pathologist and is in charge of the immunohistochemistry lab. Oh yeah... I give occasional (absolutely fascinating) guest lectures in the orientation course for pre-vet students.

It's great to see a bunch of familiar names in this newsletter. I ran into **Henry Fortna '61** at a Pennsylvania Veterinary Association meeting in the mid 1990s, and I had a great — albeit too short — visit with Lee and **Charlie Rutschky '43** on a quick trip through State College a couple of years ago. Anyone heard from or about **Bob Pollock '60? Eric Holm '63? Bronson Lane? Karl Koch '61?** Best to y'all!

Lynn A. Laudenslager '64

(R.R. 1, Box 70, Dalmatia, PA 17017-9801)

I retired in 2003 and sold Mahantongo Game Farms to my sons, Todd and Troy. Todd graduated from Cornell in 1994, and Troy graduated from Lehigh in 1998. Mahantongo Game Farms keeps about 12,000 pheasant and 6,000 chukar breeders. The farm sells eggs and chicks, and started and mature birds for hunting throughout the country. Approximately 150,000 pheasants and 50,000 chukars are also raised to maturity in 65 acres of covered flight pens at the main farm and hatchery. I continue to help my sons but work primarily with the Lauden Acres purebred Dorset breeding flock consisting of approximately 150 ewes and three stud rams.

Ronald E. Buffington '65

(3950 Davidson Run Ct., Hilliard, OH 43026-3834) I have been married for 30 years and have 14 grandchildren.

George F. Henning '71

(75 Brownstone Dr., Hershey, PA 17033-2523; jvhenning@comcast.net) I was recently promoted to associate professor of family and community medicine.

Alan D. Wood '71

(713 Alberta Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-2272; adw135@psu.edu) Thirty-three years after getting my B.S. at PSU, I finally finished my Ph.D in agricultural and biological engineering, also at PSU — maybe just in time to retire from the USDA! If things go as planned, I may then be teaching in South Africa! We'll keep you posted.

Eugene A. Jowyk '72

(105 Whitby Ct., Cary, NC 27511-5964; jowyk@netzero.net) My position in the USDA was transferred to the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, Agricultural Inspection Policy and Programs, with the creation of the new agency in March 2003. Although I am assigned to our headquarters staff in D.C. as a program manager, I'm still located in Raleigh, N.C. Some of my duties include agricultural cargo inspection policy and alerts, agricultural specialist staffing needs, tracking untreated fruit in containers transiting the U.S., aircraft and vessel inspection guidelines, military cargo inspection and cleaning, and reviewing agricultural manuals. I am eligible to retire in six years with 30 years of service.

UpDates... *continued from Page 3*

Bernard C. Linn '74

(7 Wilhelm Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042-7252; linn877@comcast.net) For Valentine's Day in 1975 the brothers received a surprise gift from the little sisters who had secretly obtained a pair of briefs from each suite in the house and dyed them pink. Not to be outdone, the brothers "borrowed" each little sister's bras and hung them on the flag pole. A photograph of the prank was recorded in the next day's *Daily Collegian*.

John A. Gaut '75

(74 Dodge Ct., Mahwah, NJ 07430-2932; John.Gaut@Unilever.com) Still plugging away at Unilever. I'm working in IT now. (I'm a geek.) Cyndy is working for Eisai, a Japanese pharmaceutical company. John is 17 and driving. Carolyn is 14 and loves horses; she wants to be a vet. Everyone is doing well, but Cyndy and I work too much! I'm still flying the Commander 114 — flew the kids to Florida for spring break, and I went to an airshow.

Jamie V. Sinden '83

(963 Rockledge Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903-9775; jsinden@cimassoc.com) Graduated in agricultural mechanics and went on to graduate study in Florida but ended up moving to Charlottesville with my new wife. Found a job at an ethanol plant processing fuel alcohol. Eventually we automated the plant and had nothing else to do so we started our own controls business (CIM Associates Inc.). Now we automate everything from steel production to food processing, and even pig

manure flushing for Smithfield. Now we work for Merck, G.E. Fanuc, GM, Trex, you name it, and we have four offices in Virginia. Our main office is right beside a cornfield, but I miss the farms, and I rarely get near a tractor. I live in the suburbs of U.Va. and enjoy my three kids as much as possible. Look me up if you like.

Leo L. Dunn '87

(3508 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17110; prowelii@hotmail.com) I just celebrated my 40th birthday.

John J. Mattilio '87 and Melissa J. Mattilio '88

(177 Linestown Rd., Willow Street, PA 17584; mmattilio@msn.com) John is busy working as a realtor selling mostly farms and land throughout Pennsylvania. Melissa continues to work for Turkey Hill Dairy in marketing. More exciting: We welcomed our fourth (and final) child to our family. Victor joined Chloe, Clare and Dominic in March. This precipitated a couple of car purchases, but we managed to duck the minivan!

Nancy T. Schlegel '87

(1465 W. Main St., Valley View, PA 17983-9702; nschlegal@masserspuds.com) I continue in my "many hats" roll at Stermann Masser Inc. Check out www.masserspuds.com to learn about our operation. After 15 years of marriage I finally have Cory in the potato business too. For the last two years he's been managing the new venture, Keystone Potato Products. This new company will

dehydrate potatoes into flakes and flour and will be the only U.S. plant of this type east of the Mississippi. The building is nearing completion and is expected to be in operation by December 2004. Visit the Web site at www.keystonepotato.com. Potato flakes and flour are used in myriad food products including pierogies, soup base, snacks and baked goods. It's exciting and stressful and overwhelming, but he's doing it. We're looking for hard working, smart people to staff this new company — Alpha Zeta types. Get in touch.

Michael L. Schlegel '88

(Gainesville, FL; schlegem@yahoo.com) I started a new job in March as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Florida's Department of Animal Sciences, working with Disney's Animal Kingdom's animal nutrition program.

Allan J. Trently '92

(6319 Kingsport Hwy., Apt. 88, Johnson City, TN 37615) I'm not teaching anymore. I've been working as a terrestrial zoologist for the Tennessee Valley Authority since October 2003. I will be married on May 5, 2005. I'm also a staff writer for the *Norris Bulletin* newspaper.

Cory E. Meyers '99

(P.O. Box, Marion, PA 17235-1080; comeyers@pa.net) Annisa and I welcomed our new daughter, Sasha Rose Meyers, born September 30, 2003, in Chambersburg. ■

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