

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 13

Founders' Day at Jacob's Field

Family Picnic / Meeting in Centerfield Cafe
Guaranteed Victory ... Bring the whole family

Please contact your Ohio Zeta friends and encourage them to attend! Look up their contact information in our online directory at www.ohiozeta.com!

For ticket details, contact Bob Roemer at 614-421-6927 or beat.michigan@yahoo.com.

Len Barker Perfect Game 25th Anniversary

Celebration featuring the perfect Game with Len Barker and Rick Manning. All fans receive Barker/Manning figurine. Relive the great moment. Concert following the game featuring music from the early 80's. www.indians.com

Saturday, June 24

Dave Burba Day

All Phi Delt Chapter Invited

Dave was an active member of Ohio Zeta in the late 80's and played for the Buckeyes.

He established his pro career in Seattle, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Colorado, and Texas. He had 115 victories including the playoffs. Bring a recruit or rushee that wants to meet Phi Delt from across the country.

Saturday, August 5

2006 Ohio Zeta Alumni Golf Outing

Golf Club of Dublin

2:00 p.m. Shotgun start
Cost: \$155 per golfer (includes golf, cart, t-shirt, beverages and dinner)

For more details and to register, visit www.pdtgolf.com!

Central Ohio Alumni Association of Phi Delta Theta

BUCKEYE PHI

May 2006

Ohio Zeta Chapter • The Ohio State University

Why Stay Involved? Alumnus Grateful for the Meaningful Connections He's Found In Phi Delta Theta

Valuable Friendships and Experiences Continue Long After Graduation

Occasionally, someone will ask me why I stay involved in my college fraternity. I'm sure we've all heard, "Isn't that something you do when you are in college?" or "When I was in a fraternity..." It seems to me that many of the reasons we joined Phi Delta Theta are also the same reasons people stay involved in the fraternity.

For me, I found OSU a daunting place. I arrived as a first generation college student with no preconceived notions of how I would master the academic and social obstacle course of Ohio State.

I joined Phi Delt for a variety of reasons. I wanted my college experience to be personal and to have meaning, and to do that I needed to form what turned out to be lifelong bonds. I wanted to make connections with people who were interesting and helpful. In short, Phi Delt helped me find my place at OSU.

I stay involved because I made those bonds

and continue to make them today. I know many interesting people I met for the first time when I was living at Phi Delt. I'm no wide-eyed freshman anymore, but I've met many more interesting Phi Delta Theta members *after* graduation than I ever met as an undergrad. These people have, in many cases, been very helpful to me; it may have been a piece of advice they casually tossed my way, or it may have been pointing the way to another career opportunity. I like to say that I stay involved to "return the favor" to undergrads just starting out, but I also find that I am still learning, still growing from my experience in Phi Delta Theta. The place I found at OSU is still there for me, even though I am not there anymore.

"I stay involved because I made those bonds and continue to make them today."

Our summer 2006 golf outing is your opportunity to re-establish those bonds. Reclaim your place at OSU by calling up a classmate of yours, tell them you are going and ask them to meet you there. Relive some old times, and then make some new ones.

Fraternally,
Bruce Rothermund '90

Memorabilia Needed from Your Days at OSU

Did you enjoy this old photo? Ohio Zeta Chapter is looking to rebuild its legacy by collecting old photographs and other items you may have saved from your years at OSU. Specifically, we are looking for photographs to represent each decade of our history!

Group shots of parties, mixers, dances, etc. are also wanted. Please submit photos from your era online at www.ohiozeta.com.

Your efforts could help rekindle some warm memories within our Ohio Zeta brotherhood!



COMINGS & GOINGS

Congratulations to Our New Members and Welcome!

Donald Boyd
Leetonia, OH

Patrick Bradley
Nashville, TN

Ari Marcellino
Shaker Heights, OH

Robert Pancoast
Dayton, OH

Cortland Schafer
Dayton, OH

Congratulations to Our New Alumni!

The following brothers will graduate at the end of the spring 2006 semester:

Brent R. Bauman

Brian P. Navarre

Sean A. Smith

Michael L. Bochnovich

Jordan R. Burke

Matthew L. Czarnecki

Michael R. Dinwiddie Jr.

Matthew J. Ribic

Timothy M. Wegner

Joseph M. Kruty

Scott L. LesChander

Marc F. Dizard

Corey D. Evert

Zachary A. Maher

Kunai N. Patel

Richard V. Matulja

Kyle A. Tansy

Phi Delts Busy with the Spring Quarter Events Welcoming New Pledges and Rushees

High GPA and Summer Community Service Demonstrate Hard Work and Strong Spirit

The state of the house is in rapid expansion and improvement from the previous update. We have a full house of 33 brothers and are starting to enjoy all that is involved in the spring quarter. This quarter we have Greek Week with Alpha Xi Delta and have 13 new

members for our spring quarter class. This pledge class is unique in that we have people in state from Cleveland to Cincinnati and we also have pledges from Massachusetts to California. Our house GPA is up about one-tenth of a point, and we are really close to a 3.0 for a house GPA. This summer, we are planning to do another furniture drive for the less fortunate in the Columbus area. I hope that everyone and their families enjoys their spring and summer.

YITB

George T. Neble #2456

Alumni Relations

Ohio Zeta By the Numbers

Fraternity GPA

All member semester	2.87
All member cumulative	2.88

All undergrads GPA at OSU

Semester	2.95
Cum	2.87

All IFC fraternity at OSU

Semester	3.08
Cum	3.07

New Member GPA

Semester	2.52
Cum	2.84

Membership

55	Active Brothers
5	Pledges
60	Total Brothers
1	Brother Lost Through Transfer
2	Brothers Lost Through Graduation

OSU Greek News

Phi Delt Lends a Hand; OSU's Greek Community Honored with National Award for Service

This fall, Phi Delta Theta joined with Material Assistance Providers, a local community service provider, to provide furniture to needy families. Some families lost all their possessions in recent fires, or are unable to afford adequate home furnishings. The boys of Phi Delt and Material Assistance Providers loaded and unload heavy couches, beds and other pieces of furniture around Columbus, Ohio.

This past Halloween, Phi Delts rallied with the sisters of Delta Gamma to hold trick-or-treating events for visually impaired children. The brothers led child after child around Delta Gamma's sorority house, providing a positive experience for kids unable to participate in Halloween in the past.

Ohio State's Greek Community was honored this past fall with the Outstanding Change Initiative Award. The honor stemmed from outstanding performances from all Greek members assessed by the "Standards of Excellence." Each year, fraternities and sororities are graded by these standards. The Greek assessment at Ohio State surpassed many universities around the country, winning them this prestigious award.

ALUMNI UPDATES

40s

Hank Porterfield '44

(15248 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 1000, Ft. Myers, FL 33908; pchank@comcast.net) Moved to Sanibel and Ft. Myers, Florida last year. Would welcome contact with Florida Phi's and a visit from any old buddies who would like to spend some time at a beach-front condo. Cell: 620-290-2427; Tel: 239-415-9099.

Charles W. Porterfield '46

(5708 Wallingwood Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46226; chuckmim@aol.com) I have been retired since 1987 and enjoy travel, tennis, gardening, reading and keeping in touch with surviving friends. We have lived in Indianapolis since 1971. Best wishes.

Bob Merrell '49

(8031 Allyn's Landing Way, #103, Raleigh, NC 27615; rmerrell2@nc.rr.com) Moving back to Columbus, OH 6/1/06.

50s

Robert D. Shoemaker '52

(15 Gray Fox Run, Pinehurst, NC 28374-9056) Pinehurst is a great place to retire. I play golf, tennis, lawn bowls, and croquet. I was also a volunteer at the 2005 U.S. Open "Shoe" 1952.

William Claggett '53

(235 Chilean Ave., Palm Beach, FL 33480; barbieclag@aol.com) I was the first in my prep school class at St. Louis Country Day School to retire, and now I'm the only one still working (as a marketing consultant) thanks to brothers **Tom Neal '56** and **James "Jim" Bagley '56**. Our '50s group has had great reunions in California and Florida the

last few years.

Everett W. Musser '57

(5995 Dunabbey Loop, Dublin, OH 43017; emusser@fhai.com) Still working with Fanning/Howey Architects designing schools in Ohio. Married 10/09/03 to Lynne Elledge, stepdaughter Kylie (14) Dublin Coffman Soccer Team. Have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

60s

Jim Argo '64

(2915 Old Maids Ln., Jersey, OH 43062-9307; jaargo2@aol.com; (740) 927-2085) Since last update, I have been blessed with two grandchildren - a girl last July and a boy just last month. I got them each a football. Otherwise I'm still enjoying retirement and our cottage in northern Michigan, where we fly the Buckeye flag just to bug our friends up there. Back in '04, I ran for Licking County commissioner - didn't win but gratefully received support from Ohio Zeta Brother **Dick Main '67** and Miami Brother **John Hazlett '51**. Any news on the study, started a year or so ago, on building a new chapter house? YITB.

70s

Ronald K. Caruso '70, CFP, ChFC, CLU (1781 Corners Ct., Dunwoody, GA; 30338-4336; ronald.k.caruso@ampf.com) I'm in my 22nd year running a financial advice practice with Ameriprise Financial. My oldest daughter Alli is a recovering University of Michigan graduate working on Wall Street. Megan graduates from Penn State in May and is focused on medical school. Kaycee will be a Buckeye next fall and Tim will rule the roost as a high school sophomore. So Mary and I will be spending many Saturdays in Columbus next fall...just to be sure Kaycee get settled in.

All roads south run through Atlanta. Give us a ring if you're in town. All the best.

Jim List '72

(803 S Main St., Summerville, SC 29483; jim@all-books.com) Too much to tell in one newsletter...watch out for Luke List, my nephew. He played in last years Masters and the '03 and '05 U.S. Opens. He will be playing for the U.S. in June on the Palmer Cup (top U.S. collegians vs. the top UK collegians). He's currently a junior at Vandy. If anyone comes to the Charleston, SC area, give me a call.

80s

Leland Moree III '81

(2522 Stillwater Court, Palm Harbor, FL 34684; moree@lmaengr.com) I am hanging out on the beach and doing lots of fishing. Look me up if you're in the Tampa Bay area.

Bill Harlow '87

(4461 Riverbirch Run, Zionsville, IN 46077; 317-733-1005) Deloitte. Business Development Manager in Indianapolis, IN. Wife Sandra, daughter Lindsey, age 6. Still keep in touch with **John Weixel '87**, **John Alexander '86**, **Pat Patterson '86** - my fellow teammates in the PDT Golf Outing.

90s

Chris Zazo '90

(1002 Allen St., Dallas, TX 75204; chriszazo@yahoo.com) Bond Number 2005. Living in Dallas...I'm divorced with no kids. I am a storm chaser doing disaster restoration specializing in roofing. Get back to one football game a year and keep in touch with **Joe Vereecken '90** and **Fritz Wink '89**.

View more alumni updates on our website at www.ohiozeta.com!

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Meier '67



James Rene Meier '67, 60, of 100 Lake Lennox Drive, Simpsonville, SC, died December 31, 2005, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He recently retired from Office Panel Systems as Sales Manager, was an avid sportsman and enjoyed gardening.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Huffling Meier; son Brad; daughter Ashley; four stepchildren; and six grandchildren. Also surviving are brother Don and sisters Nancy and Marcia.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 2, 2006. Memorials may be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, P.O. Box 130819, Houston, TX 77219-0819.

Brad Solomon '80

Brad Solomon, 48, of 2111 Starlite Field Dr, Sugar Land, Texas, died April 17, 2006. He was a 1980 OSU graduate and grew up in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years and a daughter.

Contributions can be made in Brad's memory to the American Heart Association.

CHAPTER SNAPSHOT



Undergraduates and their dates before Winter Formal 2005 in Niagara Falls.

ON THE WEB

Have you registered on our new website yet? If not, what are you waiting for?

www.ohiozeta.com

Log on today to utilize our enhanced features, such as:

- Searchable member directory
- Honor Roll of Donors
- Online Photo Albums
- Alumni Updates

Remember, our alumni website relies on you to stay active! Log in today to become involved in our Phi Delt e-community.

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