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## 2000 National Convention a Success

With the rap of his gavel, National President Ronald J. Taylor, M.D. closed the 2000 National Convention and Leadership School in Newport Beach, California. The Convention spanned three days, July 6 – July 8.

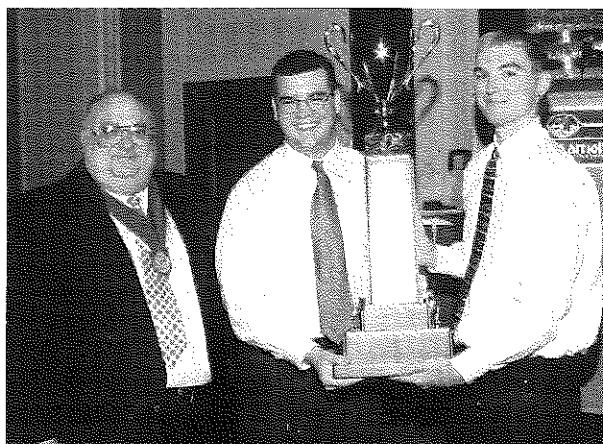
Many alumni present stated that the 2000 meeting was among the best that the Fraternity has hosted in the recent past. Participation by undergraduate delegates was exceptional. The presence of a large number of alumni volunteers and members also helped make the Convention a success.

As is ZBT's custom, the annual Awards Banquet was held on the final evening of the Convention. The banquet encompassed the swearing in of the National President and the presentation of awards to prominent ZBT alumni and Chapters.

In honoring our prominent alumni, President Taylor presented an honorary Supreme Council Life Membership Award to Arthur S. Weinstock (Δ, Columbia, '41),



**Harold Davidson (AA, Southern California, '65) and Les Mayers (AA, Southern California, '66) accept the Maxwell Hyman Award from Past National President Stephen P. Ehrlich (I, Denver, '70), far right, for their exceptional work as advisors to the Alpha Delta Chapter at the University of Southern California.**



**National President Ronald J. Taylor, M.D. (IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66) presents the Brummer Award for the Fraternity's most outstanding Chapter to the delegates from the Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas-Dallas. Pictured are Zeta Upsilon Chapter President Mark Midoux and Recruitment Chairman Ryan Jones.**

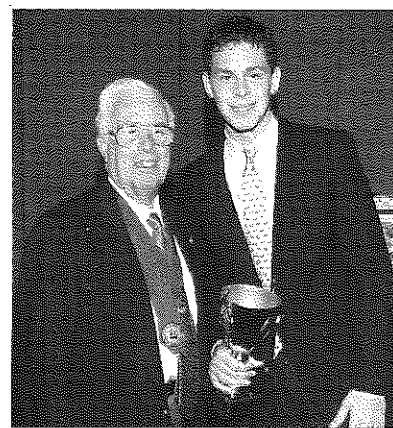
the first Stephen P. Ehrlich Award for significant contributions by an alumnus to the Fraternity to Stephen P. Ehrlich, Esq. (I, Denver, '70), and the Edwin N. Sommer Award to Irving M. Chase, Esq. (AP, UCLA, '74) for his dedication and work to further the ideals of ZBT.

The banquet culminated in the presentation of the Brummer Cup, given to ZBT's most outstanding Chapter. This year's winner is the Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas-Dallas. Chartered only three years ago, Zeta Upsilon has established a position of prominence on its campus and in the National Fraternity. The Chapter initiated 26 new men boasted a 3.05 Chapter grade point average, established an alumni affairs program, and sponsored several philanthropic and service projects in the past academic year. Members of the Chapter include an SGA senator, and the respective presidents of the Student Government Association, Interfraternity

Council and Student Forum. Zeta Upsilon Chapter President Mark Midoux stated that "we outshone all other fraternities on campus in rush, athletics, academics, philanthropy, and overall Brotherhood. Furthermore, we helped spawn interest in Greek life on campus by involving ourselves in every sector of the university."

The Fraternity's 2001 annual meeting will be a presidents' forum held July 5 – 8 at the Xerox Document University in Leesburg, Virginia. The upcoming meeting will offer intensive leadership training to our undergraduate Chapter presidents. For more information on the Presidents Forum, please contact the ZBT National Office.

*A complete list of award recipients appears on page five.*



**Past National President Richard S. Simon (Φ, Michigan, '43), at right, presents the Bijur Award for academic achievement to Jed Nussdorf (Θ, Penn, '02) and the Theta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. Theta Chapter members worked to achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.33 in the past academic year.**

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# From the President

As I sit to write, I am reflecting on a great convention in Newport Beach, CA. Everyone had a wonderful time. Our undergraduate Brothers very actively participated in all of the sessions and enjoyed what little free time the convention program afforded. They were classic ZBT gentlemen. It just all came together nicely—the delegates, the alumni, the hotel, the weather, and the food...more alumni and spouses than in recent memory. The simultaneously held Volunteer Institute Program brought in an entirely new group of volunteers and they had an opportunity to interact with everyone else.

Despite so many stellar Chapter accomplishments this past year, one standout group took home the Brummer Cup—Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas, Dallas. It was a pleasure to present them the trophy.

All of these successes don't just happen scendipitously. As I enumerated our many successes over the last two years, during my second inaugural address several weeks ago, this has only been possible because of the very hard work of a lot of very caring men who have given of themselves both financially and in time commitments. They did it.

I am honored to have been asked to serve a second term. My road map remains much the same as it was for the first two years. We will continue a very strong expansion effort. Financially, we will be moderately conservative; but, at the same time we will invest our resources in growth opportunities for the organization and especially our undergraduate constituency. We will continue to rebuild the NPEF Corporation. We will hold individuals (not Charters) responsible for behavioral problems (as wisdom permits). We will hold high expectations for all of our membership. We will emphasize good recruitment techniques. We will fight hazing in any form. We will encourage our undergraduates to have strong academic performance. We will continue to advance our organization's technology and web site. We will expand our fund raising and non-dues revenue opportunities. We will continue to look for a new headquarters. That's a lot of stuff. But, I've got the team to carry it off.

Our staff has already planned out several months of Chapter and Colony visits for the fall semester. Our undergraduate groups have appreciated the interest and attention, and no doubt some of their successes can be attributed to a very active staff.

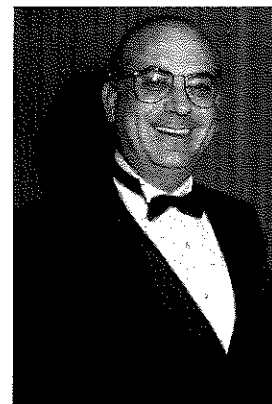
The media continues to emphasize the problems that exist on campuses today, in particular the use of drugs and binge drinking. And, rightfully so. We continue to address these issues I wish we could have a more meaningful impact.

We have already started to plan for next year's convention as well as other meetings (most listed in this issue of *The Deltan*). How about joining us?

The air is full of anticipation as the school year begins once again...another great ZBT year is coming.

*Ronald J. Taylor, M.D.*

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IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66  
National President



## Upcoming ZBT Event

The classes of 1950-1954 of the Alpha Omicron Chapter at the University of Arizona are pleased to announce their annual reunion. This year, the Brothers will meet at the Harbor Beach Marriott Resort in Fort Lauderdale, FL from Thursday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20. Don't forget your tennis racket! For more information on the reunion, contact Jerry Raticoff (800) 323-5053 or Richard Haft (800) 418-6359.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## University of Arizona, AO

Alan G. Lowy '63 has been appointed to the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Board of Trustees. The appointment was made by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the United States Senate. Brother Lowy joins Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, Senator Orrin G. Hatch and other prominent members of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation.

## Boston University, II

Colonel Arnold Daxe '63 recently suffered a knee injury while skiing in Colorado. After a six-hour operation and physical therapy, he hopes to be on the slopes again next winter.

## University of California-Los Angeles, AP

Army Archerd '41, a celebrated columnist with *Variety* magazine, has been honored as the inaugural recipient of the UCLA School of Theater's Alumni Achievement Award.

## Case Western Reserve, A

Kyle P. Poland '92 is a manager with Andersen Consulting in Chicago.

## University of Chicago, M

Edward F. Lewison, M.D. '32 is an Associate Professor of Surgery, Emeritus, at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

## Columbia University, Δ

Alfred Lerner '55 recently received the Meritorious Service Award from Cleveland's Center for Health Affairs. Brother Lerner is chairman and CEO of MBNA Corporation and chairman and owner of the Cleveland Browns.

Edward Weinstein '57 was recently cited in a *New York Times* article regarding his work as a member of New York City's Rent Guidelines Board. Brother Weinstein is a retired senior partner of Deloitte & Touche.

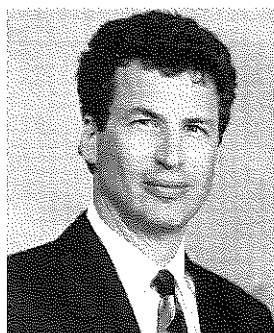
Martin S. Kaplan, Esq. '61 was presented with the 2000 John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement by Columbia University. Brother Kaplan is a corporate attorney with the Boston firm of Hale and Dorr, LLP. He has

served on the Massachusetts Board of Education as a member and as its chairman. Brother Kaplan was selected to represent Massachusetts on the Education Commission of the States and was then elected to the National Association of State Boards of Education.

Robert K. Kraft '63 was featured in the March edition of the *Columbia University Recorder* on the occasion of the dedication of the Robert K. Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life. Providing leadership in raising donations for the center, Brother Kraft's donation to Columbia University in 1993 launched the building campaign.

## University of Denver, I

Gregg F. Witt '77 was honored as the 1999 Broker of the Year for the Midwest Region by Insignia/ESG, Inc. Real Estate. Brother Witt also received the Unity Award for coordinating efforts and outstanding work on various transactions and/or specific deals. Brother Witt has built a reputation as a powerful tenant representative, working with such organizations as Tellabs, Union Tank Car, Masonite Corp., International Paper, and



Evern Securities and Royal & Sun Alliance.

## University of Florida, AZ

Scott B. Roberts '84 was recently named president of the Greater Hollywood (Florida) Chamber of Commerce. Brother Roberts is president and CEO of First Southeast Mortgage Corporation and resides in Hollywood, Florida with his wife, Mimi, and their sons, Sandy and Zachary.

## University of Kansas, EM

Jason R. Kaplan, D.D.S. '96 received his D.D.S. from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, where he graduated with high honors and served as class president and student body presi-

dent. Dr. Kaplan will be a resident in orthodontics at the University of Detroit Mercy-Hospital.

## University of Maryland-College Park, BZE

Jeffrey H. Kreshtool '95 resides in Baltimore, MD and recently established the law firm of Kreshtool & Kreshtool, P.A. with his father.

## University of Nebraska, AΘ

Edward E. Milder '43 recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his initiation into ZBT. Brother Milder is a prominent figure in entertainment journalism, a director of the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, and a member of several journalism societies. He also serves as a Trustee of the Alpha Rho Chapter at UCLA.

## University of Pennsylvania, Z

Leon H. Henry '54 celebrated the 45th anniversary of the founding of his business, Leon Henry, Inc., an alternative print media and mailing list firm based in Scarsdale, NY.

## Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus, AΨ

David M. Harrison, M.D. '91 has entered private practice in Newburgh, NJ. Brother Harrison specializes in general, vascular and advanced laparoscopic surgery.

## University of Pittsburgh, Z

Sidney R. Silverman '43 and his wife, Maggie, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Maggie, a Penn State graduate and member of Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority, and Sidney reside in San Diego, CA.

## University of Rhode Island, PI

Bart Sayles '68 is an account manager with the Dow Chemical Company. He resides in Plano, TX.

## Rider University, BM

Cy Gruberg, Ph.D. '48 presented a \$10,000 gift to the Beta Mu Chapter and Rider University in honor of his 50th class reunion. The gift will provide scholarships to Beta Mu Chapter undergraduate members who demonstrate financial need, are active in service to the Chapter and community, and show academic achievement.

A plaque has been installed at the Beta Mu Chapter house that will list the recipients of the scholarship.

### **University of South Carolina, AΘ**

Stuart Mark Shalloway, Esq. '82 is Deputy District Counsel of the Washington District Office of the United States Small Business Administration in Washington, DC. Brother Shalloway and his wife, Pamela, reside in Potomac, MD with their two sons (and future ZBTs), George Phillip and Eric Andrew.

### **Stephen F. Austin State University, ZA**

Joel T. Wyatt '93 has been promoted to Assistant Director for Major Gifts for the Harvard University West Coast

Development office. Brother Wyatt, a National Fraternity Supreme Council Director, resides in Santa Monica, CA.

### **Richard Stockton College, ZO**

Gregory Karol '98 is pursuing a master's degree in education at Montclair State University in New Jersey.

### **SUNY-Binghamton, EA**

Ira S. Israel '88, working under the pseudonym R.A. Sully, has published four novels that are now available in bookstores. Brother Israel's works are entitled *Superficial*, *It Could Lead to Dancing*, *Hand Grenade Talk*, and *Specting Intro*. As a screenwriter, he also worked on *The Professional* and *The Fifth Element*.

### **Tufts University, O**

Gregory S. Gertner '96 recently grad-

uated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He currently resides in Washington, DC where he will complete training to become an ophthalmologist.

### **Virginia Tech, ΔE**

John Chapman '98 is employed with Internet Databases, which builds business web sites.

Matthew M. Farr '98 begins a fellowship program in September in Richmond, VA after receiving his master's degree from Marshall University in West Virginia.

### **College of William & Mary, T**

Ira B. Dworkin, Esq. '43 is a retired New Jersey Judge of workers' compensation. Brother Dworkin recently celebrated 48 years of marriage to his wife, Shirley.

## Alumni Gather in Atlanta

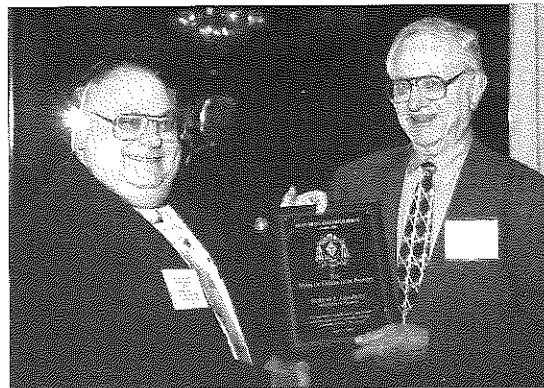
Atlanta, a stronghold of Zeta Beta Tau alumni, served as the host city for an alumni reception on April 13, 2000.

The evening was highlighted by the presentation of Zeta Beta Tau's Man of Distinction Award to Brother Robert J. Lipshutz, Esq. (M, Georgia, '44) for his continued work on behalf of the Brotherhood of Man. Brother Lipshutz served as General Counsel to the President during the Carter administration. He played a key role in the negotiations between Israel and Egypt which resulted in the 1979 peace treaty in which Egypt became the first Arab country to recognize Israel. Brother Lipshutz is also active in the Atlanta Jewish and civic communities.

Brother Lipshutz, in addressing the assembled Brothers, reminded all that "Our heritage is priceless...our opportunities are unlimited. The rest is up to us."

The Fraternity plans to host several alumni events in the next several months,

including a reception in New York City in October and a gathering in Chicago in the spring. Watch your mail for further details!

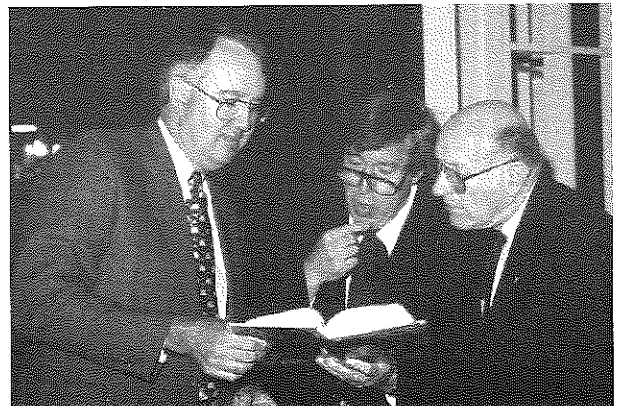


**A Zeta Beta Tau Man of Distinction, Brother Robert J. Lipshutz, Esq. (M, Georgia, '44) accepts his award from National President Taylor (IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66) (on left).**



**National President Taylor (IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66) talks with Frank Lazaro (ZY, Kean, '95) (on right) during the alumni reception.**

**Brothers Jim Summers, Bruce Weinstein and Saul Fern (from left to right) review the Fraternity's centennial history book.**



# 2000 Convention Awards

Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity is proud to announce the following award winners. Awards were presented at the recent Convention. ZBT extends its gratitude to the following members, Chapters and Colonies for their continued efforts to make our Fraternity a "Powerhouse of Excellence."

## Individual Awards

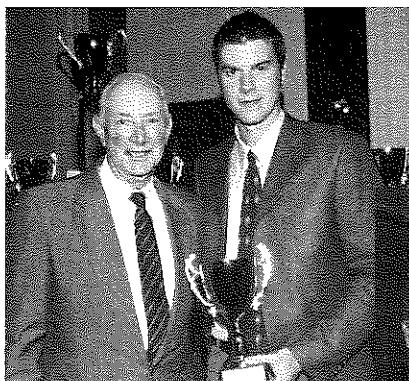
**THE OUTSTANDING DELEGATE TO THE 2000 CONVENTION** presented to Andrew Ashwal (BZE, Maryland - College Park, '01) for his contributions to and participation in the annual Leadership School and Convention.

**THE ROSWELL "BUDDY" MESSING AWARD**, given to the most outstanding undergraduate member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, was presented to Laurence Bolotin (AZ, Florida, '01).

**THE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP CITATION** presented to Arthur S. Weinstock (Δ, Columbia, '41) for his many contributions to the Supreme Council, ZBT Foundation and Delta Chapter at Columbia University.

**THE STEPHEN P. EHRLICH AWARD** given for the first time to Stephen P. Ehrlich, Esq. (I, Denver, '70) for his significant contributions as an alumnus volunteer.

**THE MAXWELL HYMAN AWARD**, presented to the most outstanding Chapter Advisor, was given to the advisory board of the Alpha Delta Chapter at the University of Southern California. The board is comprised of Harold Davidson, Ph.D. (AA, USC, '65), Les Mayers (AA, USC, '66) and Richard Kaplan (AA, USC, '65).



Keith Palmieri (Δ, Columbia, '02) with Arthur S. Weinstock (Δ, Columbia, '41), at left. Delta Chapter at Columbia received the Sid Luckman Award for varsity athletics participation.

**THE EDWIN N. SOMMER AWARD** presented to Irving M. Chase, Esq. (AP, UCLA, '73) for his work to advance the ideals of Zeta Beta Tau.

## Chapter and Colony Awards

**THE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL DEAN'S AWARD** given to the delegates from the Gamma Beta Chapter at California State University - Northridge for their exemplary participation in the annual Leadership School and Convention.

**THE SID LUCKMAN AWARD** given for exemplary participation in varsity athletics, was presented to the Delta Chapter at Columbia University.

**THE FRAUENTHAL AWARD** presented to the Beta Xi Chapter at Brooklyn College for outstanding achievement in intramural athletics.

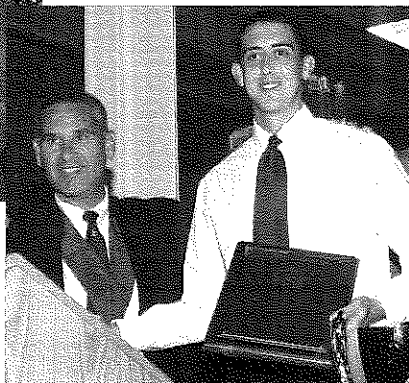
**THE THEODORE G. RICH - ST. LOUIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD**, presented for dedication to service to the community, was given to the Beta Zeta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Maryland - College Park.

**THE JOSEPH E. GLASER AWARD** presented to the Gamma Chapter at Northwestern University for its efforts to raise funds for philanthropic causes.

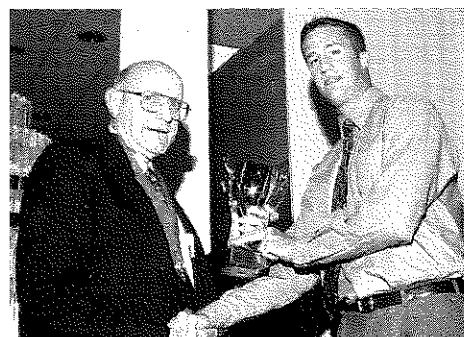
**THE ALEXANDER "BABE" LEWIN AWARD** was won by the Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas - Dallas for communication with and nurturing of its Chapter alumni.

**THE BARRY D. SIEGEL AWARD**, presented for success in new member recruitment, was given to the Beta Gamma Chapter at Indiana University. The Recruitment Chairmen of the Beta Gamma Chapter also received the Beta Alpha Theta Chapter/ Stephen P. Ehrlich Award, which is a monetary prize.

**THE SOBEL AWARD** was won by the Beta Tau Colony at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst for its efforts to improve the Colony's academic standing on campus.



The Rosewell "Buddy" Messing Award for the most outstanding undergraduate member of ZBT is proudly presented by Past National President Irving M. Chase (AP, UCLA, '74), at left, to Laurence Bolotin (AZ, Florida, '01) for his significant contributions to the Alpha Zeta Chapter and the University of Florida campus community.



Kyle Boettke (ZΔ, Ramapo, '01) receives the Meissner Award from Past National President Saul A. Fern (II, Boston, '54). The Meissner Award is presented to the Fraternity's most improved Chapter; given this year to Zeta Delta Chapter at Ramapo College.

**THE BIJUR AWARD** presented to the Theta Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania for outstanding academic achievement.

**THE LEE DOVER AWARD** for overall Chapter programming was given to the Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas - Dallas.

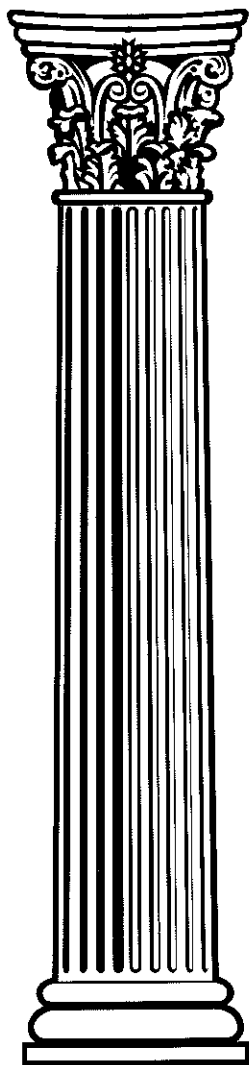
**THE EDWIN B. MEISSNER AWARD**, given to the Fraternity's most improved Chapter, was presented to the Zeta Delta Chapter at Ramapo College.

**PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARDS**, for those Chapters that distinguished themselves from amongst their peers during the previous academic year, were given to the Sigma Chapter at Tulane University, Beta Zeta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Maryland - College Park, Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas - Dallas, and Zeta Omega Chapter at James Madison University.

**THE BRUMMER CUP** is annually presented to the Fraternity's most outstanding Chapter. Runners-up for this year's Brummer Cup were the Beta Zeta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Maryland - College Park and Gamma Chapter at Northwestern University. The 2000 Brummer Cup was presented to the Zeta Upsilon Chapter at the University of Texas - Dallas.

Congratulations to all of our award winners!

# The State of Fraternities



As alumni, our contact with today's undergraduate collegiate life may be limited. While some may have children, relatives or friends that are currently undergraduate students, it is often difficult for us to keep up with trends on America's campuses. The same is true with current trends in the undergraduate Greek world.

The news that we receive from national media sources about today's fraternities and sororities may not always be positive. It is often difficult to ascertain the true nature of today's undergraduate Greek experience

while receiving only "one side of the story."

The Center for the Study of the College Fraternity, based at Indiana University, is dedicated to researching the nature of and trends within the American social Greek movement. The Center conducts an annual study of trends in the Greek world by distributing a survey to many of the colleges and universities that host Greek organizations. Recently, survey results for the academic year 1996-1997 were released. This marks the eighth year for which data was compiled.

Statistical data bears out the trends that fraternities and sororities, including ZBT, have experienced over the past several years. Survey results show that:

1. Membership numbers continue to decline among fraternities. The most recent results show a decline in fraternity membership of 20% in thirteen years. As well, 42% of all respondents

to the 1997 survey reported that there was less new student interest in fraternities than in previous years.

2. Academic performance among fraternities continues to be an issue. Of total responses, 27% stated that average fraternity grades were above the all-men's GPA, while 60% were below and 13% were the same.

However, the survey also indicates that there has been an increased emphasis on academic performance at the local undergraduate chapter level. Among respondents, 48% indicated that fraternities on their campuses had taken a greater interest in academic achievement over previous years. Only 13% of respondents indicated a decline in interest in academics.

In correlation, on those campuses that reported average fraternity academic performance above the all-men's GPA, there was also a perceived decrease in campus-wide alcohol and drug use, tendency toward less hazing, perceived increase in the effectiveness of local risk management programs, and perceived increase in philanthropy and hands-on service.

3. Risk management is improving. Approximately 50% of respondents reported that keg use at Greek parties had decreased over the previous two years and alcohol use involving fraternities had declined at 16.5%.

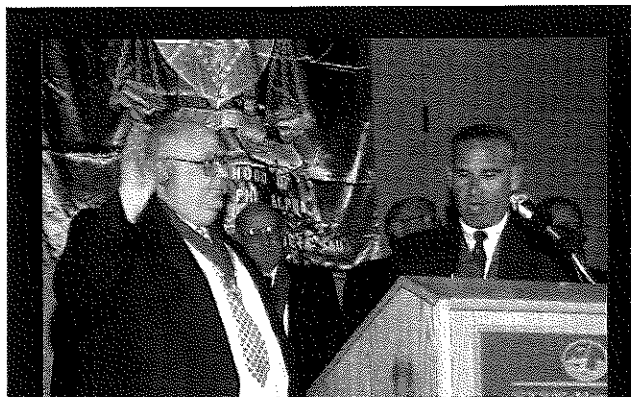
What does this mean for ZBT? Membership recruitment continues to be an essential component of ZBT's educational initiatives. Recruitment workshops are given at Regional Conclaves and the National Convention and Leadership School. Experience tells us that a comparatively large Chapter has more resources and is more successful on its campus. Recruitment skills are also beneficial to individual members as they learn to market themselves in the professional world

and form positive interpersonal relationships.

On a universal level, the Fraternity strives to assist our Chapters and Colonies in improving the overall quality of the product that they offer on their campuses. To this end, the Supreme Council is in the process of developing concise minimum Chapter performance standards. A component of the standards will, in some fashion, focus on academic performance.

Based upon the positive aspects of the survey, we will reinforce the need for comprehensive risk management programs by all Chapters and Colonies. The safety and well-being of our Undergraduate Brothers and those who come in contact with the Fraternity on a local level is of the utmost importance.

We strive to create a positive environment in which our undergraduate Chapters and Colonies may prosper and our alumni remain invested in the Fraternity. Using empirical data from surveys such as the one discussed in this article, ZBT will continue to create and modify programs that speak to trends in the Greek world. Above all, we work to reaffirm the statement that "it's great to be a ZBT!"



**Dr. Ronald J. Taylor (IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66) takes the Oath of Office for his second term as National President. Administering the oath is Immediate Past National President Irving M. Chase (AP, UCLA, '74)(right).**

# Marriages & Births

Kelly S. Aarons (EX, *University of California-Davis, '93*) and his wife, K.C., proudly announce the birth of their daughter Caitlin Grace born in April, 2000. The Aarons family resides in the Denver, CO area where Kelly is employed as a classified sales manager with Phillips International.

Todd A. Chilton (ZA, *Stephen F. Austin, '95*) and his wife, Cindy, announce the birth of their son Nathan Allan, born in February, 2000. The Chilton family resides in their new home in Irving, TX.

Mark R. Engelking (ZA, *Stephen F. Austin, '99*) and Amy Bryant were married on January 15, 2000.

Daniel A. Frantz (ZΦ, *Ball State, '97*) recently announced his engagement to Ms. Michelle Sumpter. Brother Frantz is completing work on a Master's Degree at Ball State University.

Robert G. Gilliland (ZA, *Stephen F. Austin, '95*) and his wife, Allison, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Grace Rogers. Brother Gilliland is the alumnus advisor to the Zeta Lambda Chapter. The family currently resides in Houston, TX.

Wesley R. Hale, Ph.D. (ΔE, *Virginia Tech, '92*) was married to Michaela Christina Boggs on June 3, 2000. The couple now resides in Kingsport, TN. Brother Hale received his doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Texas and is currently employed by the Eastman Company.

Jason T. Neal (ZA, *Stephen F. Austin, '97*) and his wife, Tiffany, celebrated the birth of their daughter Catherine Taylor, and their second wedding anniversary in January, 2000.

Ronald A. Pardo (AO, *Arizona, '88*) and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of their second son, Jordon Eli, born in January, 2000. Brother Pardo is ZBT's National Secretary. The Pardo family resides in the Los Angeles, CA area.

Bradford W. Psenicka (L, *Case Western Reserve, '90*) and his wife,

Stephanic, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan. The Psenicka family resides in Strongsville, OH where Brad is employed by CompuCom.

Edward G. Shagen III (ΔE, *Virginia Tech, '94*) and his wife, Jeanmarie, proudly announce the birth of their second son, James Richard, born in February, 2000. James joins brother Gregory and the family at their home in Chicago, IL.

Eric S. Van Es (ZA, *Ramapo, '91*) and his wife, Christina, announce the birth of their son Quinlan Scott. The new family member weighed in at eight pounds two ounces.

Corey J. Zahirniak (ZA, *Stephen F. Austin, '00*) recently announced his engagement to Ms. Sandy Northcutt.

## Message from the Executive Director

### It's That Time Again

It's that time again. Summer is ending. Soon that touch of cold will enter the night air and tree leaves will show their first signs of autumn color.

It's that time again. An endless stream of "back to school sale" advertisements parade across the television screen and radio airwaves.

It's that time again. Young men and women are preparing to return to college and university campuses throughout North America. ZBT Chapters and Colonies are making plans for the upcoming year. Chapter houses are being cleaned and repaired in anticipation of new tenants.

It is easy for me to recall the late summer months during my collegiate years. Those months were filled with a flurry of activity, planning and excitement.

That same sense of excitement is rekindled as I consider the upcoming school year. This year holds much promise for ZBT. Our Chapters and Colonies will build upon their successes of the previous year, as testified by the list of 1999-2000 awards winners printed in this magazine. ZBT's expansion efforts will continue to add to the ranks of our undergraduate members and spread the good name of our Fraternity. You will receive several editions of *The Deltan* this year to keep you updated on the news from your Fraternity Brothers. We will be hosting alumni events in several regions of the country to celebrate our Brotherhood.

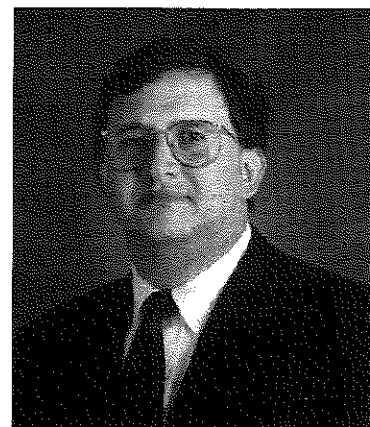
I trust that you recall the excitement that you felt about going back to school-seeing your Fraternity Brothers after four long months of summer, finding time for classes, work, studying, and fun. Take a moment to reflect on those times. I'm sure that the memories will bring a smile to your face. They do for me.

Think about all these things, and think about ZBT.

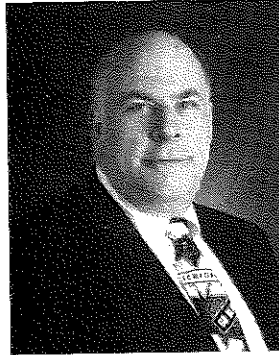
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A, Case Western Reserve, '84  
Executive Director



## From the Foundation President



As Zeta Beta Tau Foundation nears its 50th Anniversary, and as we get deeper into the 21st Century, we stop and thank all of our Brothers and friends for their generosity over the past half-century. You have enabled us to provide more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships to assist our Brothers with their education, and you have allowed us to fund much of the Fraternity's leadership programming. Thank you, and congratulations on a job well done!

Needless to say, our stop to congratulate ourselves is merely momentary, and we must continue to move forward to assure that no Brother ever lacks the funds necessary to complete his education and that we can continue to expand our leadership and educational programs, so that, in addition to our National Leadership School and our Regional Conclaves, we can bring that programming to each college campus and train each ZBT Brother. The only way to accomplish this ambitious project is through "planned giving."

We are currently restructuring the Foundation's entire fund-raising program, and will be designing options so that even one of our Brothers who may have graduated last year can, through modest contributions and long-term investments, eventually endow a scholarship or educational fund. Our Annual Appeal is only one part of raising the funds necessary to meet the growing demand for leadership and educational programming. Remember the good times and great lifelong friendships you made as a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, and consider a planned gift. I will personally be happy to work with any of you and your advisors to discuss any form of contribution you care to make, whether it is a charitable lead or charitable remainder trust, a specific gift or bequest, or a pooled fund, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

C., F. & S.,  
*Harold R. Oseff*  
 Harold R. Oseff  
 (H, Michigan, '68)  
 President, ZBT Foundation, Inc.



## ZBT Foundation Announces New Giving Clubs

The ZBT Foundation recently created several new giving clubs to recognize loyal supporters of Zeta Beta Tau.

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of donors through its giving clubs. A donor's status within the club is dictated by lifetime cumulative giving. Those categories in bold are revised or new giving clubs.

- ◆ Palm Club  
\$125 - 249
- ◆ Pyramid Club  
\$250 - 499
- ◆ Star of Hope Club  
\$500 - 999
- ◆ Pearl Club  
\$1,000 - 2,499
- ◆ Founder's Club  
\$2,500 - 4,999
- ◆ President's Club  
\$5,000 - 9,999
- ◆ **Guardian Club**  
\$10,000 - 24,999
- ◆ **Trustee of Brotherhood**  
\$25,000 - 49,999
- ◆ **1898 Circle**  
\$50,000 - 99,999
- ◆ **Gottheil Fellow**  
\$100,000 and greater.

These new clubs will be instituted in March of 2001.

We thank those Brothers who support the Foundation and Fraternity, and who work to perpetuate the ideals of Zeta Beta Tau.

## ZBT Makes a Difference

The Credo of Zeta Beta Tau provides a framework in which the principles of our Fraternity are applied to everyday life. One of the tenets of our Credo is Social Responsibility. The Credo encourages each Brother to "commit himself and accept his responsibility to participate."

To fulfill our commitment, Zeta Beta Tau participates in "Make a Difference Day." The fourth Saturday of October is designated as "Make a Difference Day" across the country. On this day, individuals and organizations will work together to better their communities.

ZBT Brothers and Chapters are

encouraged to participate in or sponsor a community service project on October 28, 2000 to celebrate our commitment to social responsibility.

Want to learn more about Make a Difference Day? Interested in programs and activities in your neighborhood? Visit the ZBT web site at [www.ZBT.org](http://www.ZBT.org) or the Make a Difference Day web site at [www.usaweekend.com/diffday](http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday).



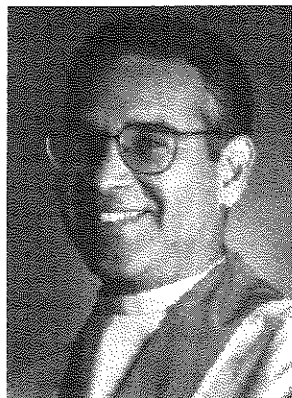
## Upcoming ZBT Event

The annual meeting of the Fraternity's Supreme Council will take place October 20-21 in Waterbury, CT. The Council is visiting Connecticut at the invitation of the Zeta Theta Chapter at Western Connecticut State University. For more information, please contact Todd Gagliano at the ZBT National Office, (317) 334-1898.

# "The High Order"

## Featuring ZBT's Best and Brightest

### Edwin N. Sommer Award to Irving M. Chase



Those who read the spring, 2000 edition of *The Deltan* are familiar with this prominent alumnus who truly ranks among those in the "High Order" of Zeta Beta Tau. Recipient of the 2000 Edwin N. Sommer Award, this man embodies the commitment that we all make upon our initiation to work to maintain the integrity of ZBT.

Irving M. Chase's (AP, UCLA, '74) resume is certainly impressive. He is a partner in a real estate development firm based in Costa Mesa, California and an attorney.

Irv was President of the Alpha Rho Chapter in the early 1970s, a time that saw the death of many ZBT Chapters across the country. Irv steered his Chapter through this tumultuous period and Alpha Rho's continued existence is due in large part to the leadership of Brother Chase. Irv currently serves as an advisor and Executive Trustee to the Alpha Rho Chapter.

Brother Chase has also given of himself to the National Fraternity. After serving as a traveling field consultant with the ZBT staff, Irv began his volunteer career as a District Governor in the early 1980s, quickly moving into the leadership of the National Fraternity. He has served as National Secretary, National Treasurer, and National Vice President. In 1994, Irv was inaugurated as National President, an office he held until 1998.

As National President, Irv directed the National Fraternity's initiative to reconnect with its past. He also worked to save

the NPEF. Irv currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Permanent Endowment Fund. The NPEF provides housing assistance to ZBT Chapters and Colonies. Under the Irv's leadership, the NPEF was saved from near collapse and is once again operating as a viable corporate entity.

In presenting Irv with the Edwin N. Sommer Award, current National President Ronald J. Taylor (IΦA, Washington & Jefferson, '66) stated that "the impact that you have made on this Fraternity will be felt for many years. Your name will live long in the annals of our history. You have made ZBT a better organization through your involvement, Irv."

The Edwin N. Sommer Award is presented by ZBT's Supreme Council to those alumni who make significant contributions to the National Fraternity and provide leadership to ZBT over many years.

Congratulations to Brother Chase for his receipt of the 2000 Sommer Award.

### Roswell "Buddy" Messing Award to Bolotin

Another member of ZBT's "High Order" is Laurence A. Bolotin (AZ, Florida, '01), who received the Roswell "Buddy" Messing Award at ZBT's recent Convention. The Messing Award is presented to the Fraternity's most outstanding undergraduate member. The Award is a memorial to Roswell "Buddy" Messing (Ω, Missouri, '38) who served for many years as a trustee to Omega Chapter and was often sought for his counsel on matters of importance to the National Fraternity.

Brother Bolotin stands as a model for his undergraduate peers. Laurence currently serves as President of the Alpha Zeta Chapter at the University of Florida. He also served as the Chapter's Vice President. As the Alpha Zeta Chapter was recently rechartered, Laurence and his fellow executive board members have worked hard to sustain the successes experienced by the Chapter.

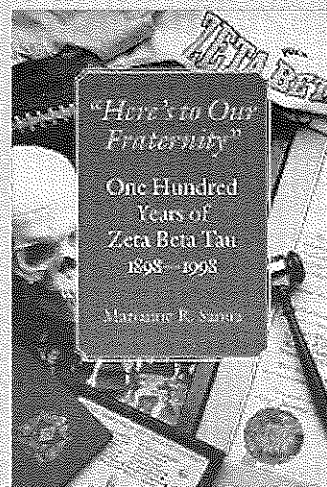
In keeping with ZBT's Credo and the pursuit of intellectual awareness, Laurence enjoys success in the realm of

academics. He is a member of the Order of Omega, an honorary society for fraternity and sorority members who achieve a high level of scholastic achievement.

Laurence is also well known on the University of Florida campus. He is a Campus Involvement Director, Vice President of the Interfraternal Council and has worked on the university's orientation team.

The efforts of Brother Bolotin prove that one can succeed in many areas of undergraduate life. Laurence embodies the tenets of our Credo, our commitment to participate in our Chapters and universities, and the oath that we take to give of ourselves to improve the communities in which we live.

Congratulations to Brother Bolotin for his receipt of the 2000 Roswell "Buddy" Messing Award. The Fraternity also extends its congratulations to the runners-up for the 2000 Messing Award, Kyle Boettke (ZA, Ramapo, '01) and Colin Drabert (ZE, Gannon, '02).



### Don't Forget!

ZBT's Centennial History,  
*Here's to Our Fraternity*,  
is now available for  
purchase on ZBT's web-  
site, [www.ZBT.com](http://www.ZBT.com)  
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# Join the Celebration— Roger Williams Day

On March 15, 2001, ZBT will once again celebrate Roger Williams Day. The National Fraternity will hold a ceremony in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The National Fraternity will also work with local Chapters to plan events on their host campuses to honor Williams.

Roger Williams founded the colony of Rhode Island based on the principle of religious freedom and tolerance. James Madison used this doctrine when writing the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. Because of Williams and the Founding Fathers who borrowed his ideas, the United States has been the most tolerant of any nation of its citizens' religious beliefs and practices.

As a historically Jewish fraternity, the Supreme Council felt it appropriate to honor a man who dedicated his life to fighting discrimination and creating an environment where Jews and Gentiles could live and work together. ZBT National President Ronald J. Taylor said, "Roger Williams was centuries ahead of his time; he defined and set the standard for the fundamental principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state long before the creators of our Constitution. His legacy of religious tolerance has allowed America to become the envy of the world, a country where religious, racial and ethnic hatred are not tolerated."

On March 23, 2000, the Fraternity held a memorial service and reception in the U.S. Capitol Building. Over 20 Members of the Congress attended and received the ZBT Defender of Religious Freedom award for their pledge to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. The event was reported in several news sources including the Washington Times. A statement was also inserted into the Congressional Record by Representative Benjamin A. Gilman (Z, Penn., '46) of New York.



## Chapter Eternal

Justin K. Bhansali ( $\Omega$ , *Missouri*, '97) was killed in a tragic automobile accident in January while working in Guinea, West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer. Justin is remembered for his compassion, determination, and commitment to improving living conditions in Guinea.

Robert B. Burton, M.D. (*A, Rochester*, '40) a renowned physician and medical pioneer passed away in April. Brother Burton is credited as an architect of the modern HMO system. In the early 1960s, Dr. Burton became medical director of one of the first independent physicians' associations in the nation.

Hoyt E. Coffee (*M, Georgia*, '85) passed away in June. Brother Coffee served as associate editor of two Georgia Institute of Technology alumni publications, *Tech Topics* and the *Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine*.

Allen H. Gould (*Z, Penn State*, '44), the founder of Milli, Ltd., a successful high fashion retail store, passed away in November, 1999. Brother Gould was also instrumental in establishing the Allen and Milli Gould Family Foundation that supports charities in the Hamilton, Ontario area.

Lawrence Irell (*AP, UCLA*, '32) a prominent attorney and founder of a successful law firm in Los Angeles, CA, passed away in June.

Samuel J. Krasney (*K, Western Reserve*, '46) of Cleveland, OH, passed away in April. Brother Krasney was CEO of Banner Industries, a manufacturer of aerospace equipment, and founder of the accounting firm of Krasney, Polk, and Friedman.

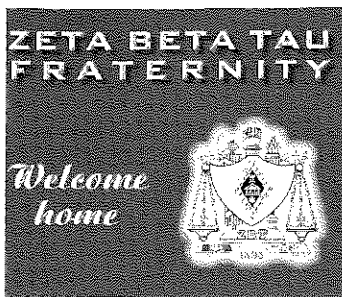
Jay C. Leff ( $\Phi$ , *Michigan*, '45) passed away in January. Brother Leff was president of Fayette Bank and Trust Company, and was the youngest bank president in the United States at the time he took that position. Brother Leff is also remembered for his avid interest in pre-Columbian and African art.

Harry Levin, M.D. (*BA, Rutgers*, '68) passed away in February. Brother Levin, of Pittsburgh, PA, is remembered as a prominent staff member of the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and for his commitment to his patients.

Emanuel Saxe, Ph.D. (*Honorary*, '23) was posthumously inducted as an inaugural member of the New York State Society of CPA's Hall of Fame in May. Brother Saxe's father, Bernhard D. Saxe, was a founder of Zeta Beta Tau. The younger Saxe was a leading accounting educator in New York City and became Dean of the Bernhard Baruch School of Business.

Daniel L. Scharff (*E, Georgia Tech*, '19) is remembered as the oldest living alumnus of Georgia Tech. Brother Scharff passed away in October, 1999 at the age of 101.

Richard A. Wells (*A, Texas*, '54), a past National President of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, recently passed away after a long illness. Brother Wells served as National President during the time of the mergers, from 1970 - 1972 and was an active advisor to Lambda Chapter at the University of Texas.



# ZBT in the Age of the Internet

## www.zbt.org

Twenty years ago, who could have predicted the impact of internet technology on modern culture? The use of electronic media has affected almost every facet of our lives. Now, more than ever, it is easy to communicate instantaneously with someone in another country, check the stock market and purchase clothing all within the span of five minutes.

Undergraduate students and teens make up a large portion of the internet audience. ZBT, in an effort to provide additional communications with our undergraduate and alumni members, has redesigned its website.

The website now includes such features as a job board where Zeta Beta Tau members may post available positions and employment opportunities. In the near

future, users in search of employment will have the ability to post résumés on the job board. The ZBT Mall is now also on-line, featuring extensive shopping options for users. A percentage of all purchases made through the ZBT Mall benefit the ZBT Foundation.

Haven't been in touch with Zeta Beta Tau and your Brothers in a while? You can update your contact information on the website. Address information posted on the site is secure and transmitted directly to the Fraternity's National Office. Users can also make submissions to the ZBT on-line guest book or the Fraternity's various publications.

When you are "surfing the Net" in the near future, stop by the ZBT website at [www.zbt.org](http://www.zbt.org). Come home to ZBT.

**Be sure to visit these Zeta Beta Tau merchants at the ZBT Mall on the website.**



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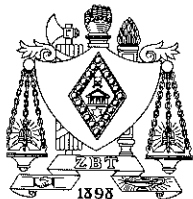
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