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Letters to the Editor Print this article

Thank you to all who provided feedback in response to the second issue of the *Digital Deltan*. Please do me a favor, after you have had a chance to click your way through this third issue of the *Digital Deltan*, let me know what you think by sending me an <u>email</u>. Once again, I believe you are going to like what you see.

Feedback from the second issue of the Digital Deltan...

I enjoyed reading the Digital Deltan. This is the first issue I have read and I was impressed with the technology and the way the material was presented.

Perhaps you can make the background music a little livelier in future issues.

Keep up the good work!

Frederick Feibelman (Pennsylvania '50)

A great issue. I enjoyed Dick Meier's video. We were at Cornell contemporaneously, although I was at Phi Sigma Delta and he was at ZBT. My roommate at Phi Sig, Ed Rosen, was an architecture student with Dick and so we ran across each other quite often. It has been great to watch his career. He was a great choice for the award.

The streaming video of Networking Night played for about 35 minutes (to Doug Main's story about Henry Kissenger) and then froze (about 2/3 of the way through). Was there more? The Networking concept is a terrific one. Keep it up.

Martin H. Wohl (Cornell '57)

This electronic publication is a wonderfully creative and a very comprehensive use of technology. I am a Phi Sigma Delta alumnus who was gratefully absorbed by ZBT and am appreciative of your efforts. Keep up the good work.

Charles R. Zisa (Rutgers '68)

The ZBT newsletter was very nicely done - I think my internet speed may have impacted the ability to hear your opening comments, but other than that, it was really the most professionally delivered newsletter I recall seeing.

Kenneth A. Grodner (Alabama '81)

I just completed watching/hearing the entire Digital Deltan. Congratulations on a real fantastic accomplishment! My only comment, get rid of the background space music and have the ZBT Song played instead.

Irving M. Chase, Esq. (UCLA '74)

An Artist Among Us: Brother Marvin Lipofsky | Print this article

Brother Marvin Lipofsky (Illinois) began his college education at the University of Illinois during the late 1950s without any real certainty about the career he might pursue. He knew he enjoyed making things and was especially interested in three-dimensional design, so he determined that a major in industrial design would pave the way for a job after college.

Lipofsky joined ZBT in 1957 and found the fraternity to be a great help in his adjustment to college life at a large university. Growing up in the small town of Barrington, Illinois, Lipofsky says going to the U of I was a big change for him. But ZBT met some important needs for social interaction and friendships, and it helped him adapt to college life without much difficulty. He enjoyed the new experiences that the fraternity provided and found it easy to get involved by participating in sports and cultural activities.

While pursuing industrial design, a few sculpture classes grabbed his interest, and he began to experiment with sculpture more and more. Lipofsky began considering a career in teaching, in part to avoid the draft, but he found his art education classes to be a bore. One of his professors noticed his frustration and suggested he consider graduate school in sculpture at the University of Wisconsin.

Lipofsky applied and was accepted for enrollment in 1962. His first graduate course was with Professor Harvey Littleton, who had recently developed an interest in glass as an art medium. (Today, Littleton is regarded as the founder of the modern American studio glass movement, the early years of which coincided with Lipofsky starting graduate school.) As the semester began, Littleton organized a small group of ceramics students to visit the studio on his farm at the edge of town. "We went there once a week to blow glass, until the following semester, when the university provided a studio space on campus," recalls Lipofsky. It was such a new medium for both Littleton and his students, that their work was entirely experimental. Lipofsky says he wasn't that interested in glass blowing at first. He hadn't even enrolled in the glass class, but he participated out of curiosity about the medium.

By 1964, Lipofsky had completed both an M.S. and M.F.A. in sculpture, primarily working with ceramics and steel. But after his initial exposure to glass blowing, his interest grew, and he was presented with an unexpected opportunity following graduation. The University of California, Berkeley had invited Littleton to campus to conduct a glass workshop. Littleton handed Lipofsky the letter of invitation and said, "That's your job." Lipofsky responded, and UC Berkeley eventually hired him to begin a glass program, only the second in the U.S. at the time.

It was a move that began his career as a leading educator and artist in the American glass movement and has since propelled him across the world conducting more than 300 lectures and workshops on glass sculpture and glass blowing. In 1967, Lipofsky founded a glass program at the California College of Arts and Crafts where he taught and headed up the program for the next twenty years. Soon after starting that program, he became one of the co-founders of the Glass Art Society whose purpose is to advance education, appreciation, and the development of glass art.

Lipofsky's abstract glass sculptures have been described as reminiscent of exotic flowers, sea shells, undersea creatures, or bubbles, brilliantly portrayed using a vibrant color palate. He is also well-known for his pop-culture Great American Food series from the early 1970s consisting of glass sculptures of hamburgers and pickles. Having begun his work at the start of the glass movement in this country, Lipofsky found the need to travel to Europe, with its long tradition of glassblowing, to further educate himself on technique.

Lipofsky's career as an artist and educator also presented him with opportunities to become a global ambassador for the studio glass movement. He has traveled worldwide across Europe, Russia, and the People's Republic of China working in all kinds of countries, studios, and factories. He spends most of his time today in his own studio, but when he was on the road more often, he would accept invitations to visit factories and create a series of pieces based on that experience. "Wherever I was working, I tried to pick up the influence of that location: the factory, the country, the people, the geography, the colors, and what was going on around me," he says. "Then I would ship that work back to my studio and do the final 'cold working' on those pieces by cutting, grinding, and changing them slightly, using the influence of my experience in the location where I made them."

In conjunction with a 2003 Oakland Museum exhibition, the museum published a retrospective catalogue entitled <u>Marvin Lipofsky: A Glass Odyssey</u>, which features the full range of Lipofsky's work from the beginning of his glass work in 1964 through 2003.

A two-time recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, Lipofsky's work can be found in more than 80 museum and corporate collections worldwide including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Corning Museum of Glass, the Museum of Modern Art in Kyoto, Japan, the Museums of Decorative Arts in Bulgaria and Canada, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Sculptures available for purchase can be viewed on his website at: http://www.marvinlipofsky.com

Lipofsky attributes his success in glass work to a lifetime of total immersion in the art form. "Fortunately I was doing something that was unique. There were not many people doing what I was doing. The whole world of glass received a lot of recognition in the beginning, and it still does today," he shares.

In July 2007, Lipofsky was invited to be part of the Visiting Artist Summer Series at the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, Washington. He spent five days working in their well-equipped "hot shop" making his signature sculptures alongside a team of enthusiastic and skilled assistants. The "theater in the round" atmosphere of the studio allowed for public viewing while he worked. Lipofsky produced 25 sculptural forms, which are some of the largest he's created in recent years. These will take close to two years to complete as final sculptures. Click here to view a YouTube video of Lipofsky at work during his residency at the Museum of Glass. A photo slide show can also be seen here. http://www.flickr.com/photos/7875585@N03/sets/72157600824308614/show

Though he turns 70 this year, Lipofsky has no plans to retire fully from glass work. He says he will continue working according to his ability. He is semi-retired from teaching and spends most of his time in his studio and maintaining relationships with galleries throughout the glass world.

Lipofsky resides in Berkeley, California.

IT'S ALL ABOUT BRIAN HORWITZ | Print this article

Lately, our family has a new favorite baseball player. He's a rookie outfielder for the San Francisco Giants, and though he doesn't get a lot of playing time, he's still our favorite. That's because his name is Brian Horwitz.

As many of you can undoubtedly tell from the name, Brian Horwitz is Jewish. His teammates have already taken to calling him "the rabbi." It hasn't hurt that he's hitting over .400 and has 2 Home Runs in his limited playing time, but it's mostly about his very Jewish sounding name, I think.

Why do we care? Why is it that his heritage takes on an importance to Jewish baseball fans completely out of proportion to his ability? I believe it is because we look at any Jewish baseball player (or actor or politician or anyone in the public eye) as an extension of our family. We take pride in their positive accomplishments, and we suffer embarrassment when they do something of which we are ashamed. Though we are usually not related by blood, we treat all Jewish public figures as if they are our cousins.

When it comes to Brian Horwitz we can look up his minor league and college baseball statistics, and we can project what kind of baseball player he will be. It's doubtful that he will be the next Hank Greenberg, Sandy Koufax, or Shawn Green. I'm not even sure he'll be the next Gabe Kapler or Kevin Youkilis, though, like Youkilis of the Boston Red Sox, he knows how to work the count.

On the other hand, we can't turn to the internet to research his Jewish identity. Did he have a Bar Mitzvah? Does he know the Shema? Does his family hold Passover Seder? Is being Jewish important to him in any way at all?

The fact is that whatever our level of Jewish observance is, we all connect in some way with our extended "family." AT ZBT, with a diverse membership of Jewish students of all stripes and non-Jewish students who happen to belong to a Jewish fraternity, the connection to our heritage is still there. It is a connection that deserves to be celebrated continually.

Fraternally,

Rabbi Mark Bloom Northwestern University, Gamma Chapter 1988

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"Bridges of Brotherhood" | Print this article

"Bridges of Brotherhood": 2008 National Convention and Leadership School Held in Teaneck, NJ

The National Convention and Leadership School was held in Teaneck, New Jersey July 17 - 20. Over 150 undergraduates and alumni from across the country were in attendance. The theme of the convention was "Bridges of Brotherhood", which focused on bridging the gap between ZBT brothers in chapters across the country by providing them with a forum for discussion and forging new friendships. The convention also bridged the past with the present of ZBT as the George Washington bridge from New Jersey to New York connected the Convention site to the founding site of ZBT at CCNY in New York City.

An outstanding group of Nationally renowned speakers presented to the undergraduate delegates on various topics. The speakers included; Lori Hart Ebert, a highly rated expert on risk management and development, Josh Orendi, from Phired Up Productions, who presented on recruitment challenges and opportunities, and Pery Krinsky, Beta Zeta Epsilon, (Maryland-College Park '97), an ethics lawyer, and Rabbi Mark Bloom Gamma (Northwestern '88), ZBT's National chaplain, presented on combining the ZBT ritual with ethics in daily life.

The Volunteer Institute Program (VIP) was also held in conjunction with the National Convention and Leadership School. The 10th VIP focused on training chapter advisors from across the country and building relationships between the participants.

The highlight of the Convention was the Grand Awards Banquet held on Saturday July 19. Highlights of the Awards Banquet included the installation of Philip M. Waxberg, Alpha (CCNY '66) as ZBT's 47th National President.

In addition, several chapters and individuals were recognized for excellence. Herbert Baum Gamma (NYU '41) and Arthur Weinstock Delta (Columbia '41) were respectively presented with the Stephen P. Ehrlich Award and the Edwin N. Sommer Award for their many contributions to the National Fraternity over the years.

ZBT's Heritage Award presented to alumni who make significant contributions to the Jewish Community, was presented to Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein, Beta Phi (Pittsburgh). The Executive Vice President of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Rabbi Epstein was honored for his many years of service to the Conservative movement.

The Riegelman-Jacobs Interfraternity Service Award was presented to James R. Estes, a member of Kappa Alpha Order and past president of the North-American Interfraternity ConferenceThanks to the support and involvement of many ZBT alumni and the participation of so many undergraduates, the 2008 National Convention and Leadership School was a wonderful experience for so many ZBTs. We look forward to the 2009 National Convention and Leadership School which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio July 9-12 in part to mark the 100th anniversary of Lambda Chapter at Case Western University.

Heritage Award Print this article

Several years ago, the Supreme Council approved the creation of the Heritage Award to honor "an alumnus who makes significant contributions to the Jewish community in the areas of philanthropy or community service."

The recipient of the Third Annual Heritage Award is just such a man. Rabbi Jerome Epstein is an alumnus of Beta Phi Chapter at the University of Pittsburgh from where he graduated in 1964 with a degree in psychology. Additionally, he earned a master's degree in counseling from Old Dominion University and an Ed.D in adult education from Temple University. Rabbi Epstein was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1970. Following his ordination he served as the spiritual leader of congregations in Galveston, Texas and Portsmouth, Virginia. He joined the staff of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in 1976 as a regional director. In 1986, he was named United Synagogue's senior vice president and chief executive officer. Since 1989 he has served as United Synagogue's executive vice president.

At United Synagogue, Rabbi Epstein has sought new ways to reach Jews who are seeking greater observance. He has created daily Bible and Mishnah study programs and played an important role in promoting the Conservative movement's new Bible commentary. Rabbi Epstein has consistently worked to spread Jewish knowledge and observance among the 770 affiliated Conservative congregations, which consist of 1,5 million Conservative Jews.

In recognition of his outreach efforts, the Jewish Forward named him one of 2002's top Jewish leaders.

For his dedicated and steadfast work on behalf of the Jewish community, we are pleased to have presented the 2008 Heritage Award to Brother Rabbi Jerome Epstein.

Rabbi Epstein was unable to be with us to accept his award during the 2008 National Convention due to a previously scheduled trip to Uganda where he is working with a small Jewish tribe, and Ethiopia to work with the rescue of Ethiopian Jews and facilitate their Aliyah, continuing the mission of Tikkun Olam, repair of the world. Although he was unable to join us, Rabbi Epstein nevertheless wanted to express his thanks and appreciation through a recorded video.

Epsilon Chapter (Phi Sigma Delta)-University of Maryland, College Park | Print this article

The **Epsilon Chapter** pledge classes of 1957-63 (graduation years of 1960-67) held a reunion on May 16-18, 2008. Eugene F. Korth (Maryland '65) stated, "The weekend was a great success with over 50 Brothers attending. In many cases, it was the first time in over 45 years that we have seen one another. It was a great weekend that reminded us how important the Fraternity was in our life. We were the same Brothers, just older!"

Brothers from both Phi Alpha (later to become Phi Sigma Delta) and Brothers from Phi Sigma Delta, along with their wives or significant others, met at the Bethesda Marriott, in Bethesda, Maryland, Saturday evening the 17th for a great evening of dining, dance and reminiscing. Two of the brothers acted as emcees and the background music was from the 60s. This was preceded with a brunch on Saturday at the Hotel and then a tour of the campus. Sunday morning included a closing brunch.

Iota Chapter, University of Denver

Iota Chapter. classes 1958-1992 and class of 2007will hold a reunion in Denver September 26-28, 2008. The cost for the weekend is \$280.00 per couple or \$144.00 for single brothers. The fee includes:

Friday night reception and dinner at which DU Chancellor Coombe will speak Saturday night dessert reception and casino night.

An alumni yearbook, A CD with photo from the past, as well as from this event Hats and much more

For those who would like a pay on your own group dinner has been arranged at Maggiano's on Saturday night.

The fee does not include hotel. A block of rooms has been arranged at the downtown Denver Westin Hotel. Reservations must be made by April 30 in order to guarantee availability at the ZBT preferred rate.

This promises to be a great event. Over 45 brothers have already confirmed that they will be there with a hoped for attendance of over 75 brothers

For more information, please contact Steve Ehrlich ('70) at ehrlich 14@aol.com.

Theta Chapter, University of Pennsylvania

Theta Chapter will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding October 31-November 1, 2008 (Penn Homecoming Weekend). The host hotel will be the Loews Hotel in Center City.

The weekend's events will include:

Saturday morning: Brunch at the newly renovated Chapter house

Saturday evening: Gala Dinner at the Loews Hotel.

Tickets will be available for the Saturday afternoon Penn vs. Brown football game. A cocktail reception will follow the game.

For more information, contact John Levy ('77) at 908-518-0781 or John@BoardAdvisory.net.

ZBT is LinkedIn - Are you? Print this article

"Know the Right People": You Already Do

Many of you joined Zeta Beta Tau for the opportunity to network with other brothers throughout the country. In an effort to make that easier ZBT recently created a group on LinkedIn.

The mission of LinkedIn is to help you **be more effective** in your daily work and open doors to opportunities using the relationships you already have.

LinkedIn is an online network that allows you to create a profile that summarizes your professional accomplishments. Your profile helps you **find and be found** by former colleagues, clients, partners and even fellow ZBT brothers.

Since creating the group in Fall of 2007, **almost 2,000 fellow brothers have joined**. Are you looking for a nearby dentist, a lawyer, a product, or a friend and would like something in common? By using LinkedIn's advanced search you can find brothers in your area.

Through our network you can:

- Post job opportunities
- Find potential clients, service providers, subject experts, and partners who come recommended
- Be found for business opportunities
- Search for great jobs
- Discover inside connections that can help you land jobs and close deals
- Find high-quality passive candidates
- Get introduced to other professionals through the people you know

LinkedIn is free to join. Click here to Join LinkedIn.

*All relationships on LinkedIn are mutually confirmed, and no one appears in the LinkedIn Network without their knowledge and explicit consent.

Introducing Foundation Director Bruce H. Weinstein | Print this article

Bruce Weinstein (Psi, Alabama '70) considers it a great honor to serve on the Foundation Board. "I had such a great experience in ZBT; I felt like this was a good way to give back," he says of his appointment to the Board.

Weinstein joined Zeta Beta Tau when his fraternity, Phi Ep, merged with ZBT in 1969. Embracing the change, he's since considered himself a ZBT for life. Weinstein enjoyed his fraternity experience so much that he accepted a year-long assignment with the National Fraternity as a chapter consultant during his first year out of college in 1970. He traveled to chapters around the country and enjoyed the personal contact with members. "I felt like I was really able to help the chapters I visited because I had such a phenomenal experience. There were so many transferable things I could do to help. It was a very gratifying job," Weinstein recalls.

After a year working for the National Fraternity, Weinstein moved to Atlanta where he began a career in the financial services industry. Though he was busy trying to build a business, he carved out time to help with alumni events in Atlanta and support the Alabama chapter with recruitment efforts, particularly in Atlanta's Jewish community. He remained in contact with Barry Siegel and Jim Greer, two ZBT "legends" in his estimation, whose years of service as Executive Directors for the National Fraternity overlapped Weinstein's year of employment there. He learned much from these men, and through their continued contact, was able to maintain a relationship with the National Fraternity in the years following his move.

Weinstein has enjoyed more than thirty-five years of success providing financial planning services. He has his own company, Professional Planning Services, which specializes in estate, retirement, and legacy planning and is an affiliate of AXA/Equitable Financial. The company honored him as "National Man of the Year" in 2006-2007, based on his contributions to the company, industry, and community. "It's a real honor, considering that they only give it to one person each year in a company of 8,000 representatives." Weinstein says.

He started giving back financially to ZBT as soon as he could afford it. Just as he instructed his own three children when they were graduating from college, he encourages young people to get in the habit of giving back a small amount each month and increasing that amount as their salary allows. "It's the only way those organizations are going to continue for the future. Anyone who had a positive experience during their college years, if it's due to ZBT, then their obligation should be to make sure that experience is transferred to others. The way to do that is to ensure the fraternity stays strong and has a strong financial foundation," Weinstein explains.

"ZBT was not just a college experience; it was a life experience," Weinstein says. Among the most important things he gained from ZBT are: practical experience for his career, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships with men who remain his closest friends forty years later. "ZBT gives you a commonality with others in the same organization. The friendships you make are important for a lifetime," he states. Weinstein also loves the teamwork aspect of being part of a fraternity. "People who go through the process of learning to get along with others in community have a much better opportunity to adapt to those situations in their work life and personal life as they grow older. It's as relevant today as it was when the fraternity started," he expresses.

Weinstein says the opportunity to serve on ZBT's Foundation Board is a good match for his personal values, which are family and community oriented. He recognizes this stage of life as one in which he and his wife can be "givers" of time, money, and experience. "If I can help enhance any factor of ZBT's endowment and make it a little bit better when I leave than when I started, I'll feel very happy. I hope I can add to the cause," he says.

Transforming Land Into Links | Print this article

In his first job during high school, Mike Nuzzo (Boston) was a caddy. Today, he's designing golf courses. He founded his own company, Nuzzo Course Design, eight years ago after leaving a successful career at Lockheed Martin where he designed, integrated and tested antennas for telecommunications satellites.

He recalls fond memories of weekends as a child spent playing golf with his father. At the time, he even drew putting courses for Dad that wove around their apartment building. But when college and a career got in the way. Nuzzo pretty much stopped playing golf altogether. Once he began to play again, he realized he enjoyed it more than he ever had as a child. His engineering training contributed to a growing understanding of the game, and he started to explore an interest in golf course architecture.

What he couldn't figure out was how he might transition from a career in aerospace engineering to fulfill his dream of designing golf courses. That was, until the day he read about golf course architects using computer aided design (CAD). Given his extensive experience with CAD in the aerospace industry, the method for his entrée into the field of golf course design became clear.

Today, he's putting the finishing touches on his first solo project: Wolf Point Club, located in Port Lavaca, Texas, halfway between Houston and Corpus Christi. "It's a huge deal to have gotten this project," he says. "The client actually found me through my website. He did a lot of research and considered some of the bigger names, but he thought that I would work well with him," he shares.

At their first meeting in September 2005, Nuzzo was pleasantly surprised by the client's unique requirements for the project. It would be a private course, with very few members and there was no particular schedule for completion. Nuzzo went to that meeting prepared to pitch an inexpensive course, but that wasn't the client's intention. "He wanted us to make it as nice as we could and yet as practical and smart as we could," he explains. The client's instructions were clear: he didn't want to lose a ball, especially in long grass, and he wanted it to be fun and challenging. "I knew what that meant: wide and bumpy," says Nuzzo.

His favorite part of his job is the routing process, which can take months. "Good routing separates a good golf course from an exceptional golf course," says Nuzzo. "The map of a golf course is like a work of art. The routing process dictates how the course is played and how the holes relate to one another," he explains. When beginning a project like Wolf Point, he takes the piece of land, studies every aspect of it and begins to create a journey for the golfer.

He started out by capturing an aerial photograph and creating a topographical map of the property, which allowed him to identify features like trees, natural drainage swales, hills and bumps for the construction drawings. He then spent time walking the site, observing the natural positioning of each feature to see "the way the land moves," he explains.

With 200 acres of raw land, GPS technology comes in handy. While on site, Nuzzo carries a hand-held GPS device and imports the data into Adobe Illustrator (a drawing program). Using a tablet PC to edit the drawings, he can physically walk the property while adding more detail to the shaping, defining where the greens and bunkers should go and even directing where dirt should come from and where it should be moved. At Wolf Point, he used as many of the natural features as possible, including a creek that runs throughout the property. He has spent more than 150 days there during the past few years, going back and forth, refining and revising the design. Ultimately, Nuzzo says this approach gives the course a natural, more handcrafted look.

His focus as a designer has always been to eliminate as many visual distractions as possible. In this project, he's been able to avoid standard elements like cart paths, ball washers and trash cans, which he would ordinarily spend time trying to hide. Even the 100 acres of irrigation is completely underground. "It allows the golfer to become completely absorbed in the game," he explains.

Every hole of the Wolf Point course is different, varying in length, width and strategy. To eliminate the need for a golf cart, Nuzzo explains that it's set up to walk as easily as possible, "You walk off the green and go to a small flat spot and tee off for the next hole." The greens tilt in different directions: some toward the player, some left,

some right and some tilt in two directions. The property is also extremely windy, which calls for wider fairways. "The prevailing theme on the course is, the closer you challenge the trouble, the more you are rewarded." he shares.

While Nuzzo is completing the final details of the course, including finishing off some of the bunkers, it is essentially finished and the client has already begun to play some of the holes. All eighteen will be completed by the end of the summer. Nuzzo is pleased and proud of what he's accomplished with Wolf Point Club, and he has a happy customer.

Not just a golf course designer, Nuzzo also spends his time writing about what he's learned along the way in his second career. He has a <u>blog</u>, which details the progress of the Wolf Point project. He's been published in *Golf Architecture* and *The Journal of Australian Golf Course Architects*, which features an article about the Wolf Point project. More recently he's had an essay published in a book called *Golf Course Architecture-a Worldwide Perspective*. He's now working on two new projects, in the early stages of development in New Mexico and Virginia, and has proposals out for two international projects, one of which would be in Nicaragua.

For more about Brother Nuzzo, his golf course design business or his writings, be sure to visit his website at: http://www.mnuzzo.com.

Alumni Associations | Print this article

New York Area Alumni Association Happy Hour

Alumni residing in the greater New York City area gathered for a happy hour on May 13, 2008 at *Latitude Bar & Lounge* in New York. Almost 100 Brothers attended the event. Future events are currently being planned and all New York Area Alumni will be notified by email.

Chicago Area Alumni Association Reception

Alumni residing in the Chicago area gathered for a reception on May 15, 2008 at the *Briarwood Country Club*. Almost 80 Brothers attended the event including three generations of the Witt Family (Gregg F. Witt (Denver '77), Robert J. Witt (Illinois '49) and Joshua M. Witt (Illinois '11). Future events are currently being planned and all Chicago Area Alumni will be notified by email.

Southern California Area Alumni Association Membership Dinner

Alumni residing in the Southern California area gathered for the Second Annual Membership Dinner on June 17, 2008 at Guido's Italian Restaurant. The evening included cocktails, dinner, a raffle and the comedic genius of Bob Zany. Alumni interested in participating in the Southern California Area Alumni Association should contact Richard Kaplan at (310) 577-1444 x8444 or dick@benplaninc.com.



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ALABAMA

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Brian G. Melamut '97 married Jana Ellen Behar on March 12, 2005 and they had a baby girl, Ayla Rose on July 2, 2007. Brother Melamut works for Mediagistic in Tampa Florida as a graphic artist.

Bruce H. Weinstein '70 recently became a Director of the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation.

CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - NORTHRIDGE

Richard L. Israel '85 recently purchased Mahalo Grille Restaurant in downtown Pleasanton and began a new career as a restaurant owner. Brother Israel and his wife Gayle plan to take Mahalo (means Thank you in Hawaiian) to the next level. Mahalo Grille gets its inspiration from the Hawaiian Islands by fusing tropical ingredients with time-honored, traditional dishes from all corners of the globe. We celebrate this unique concept by providing a dining experience that is way beyond ordinary - in fact, we tell our guests that Mahalo Grille is where paradise is found!

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Michael I. Bush '00 and his wife Layla had a daughter, Josephine Lylian on May 8th 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES

Michael J. Diamond '66 is a psychoanalyst and clinical psychologist practicing in West Los Angeles and an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at UCLA. He has recently written the acclaimed book entitled, *My Father Before Me: How Fathers and Sons Influence Each Other Throughout The Life Cycle*, Published by WW Norton in 2007. He was named Distinguished Psychoanalyst of 2005 by New York's Institute for Psychoanalytic Theory and Research.

Gregory L. Hirsch '74 provides an update on his three sons. Jacob has graduated from La Jolla Country Day School and will attend the University of Oregon in the fall. Spencer, will graduate cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Washington on June 14, 2008. Adam works for Deloitte in Los Angeles as an actuary.

Honorable Marvin D. Rowen '53 is a retired Judge of the Superior Court in Los Angeles, California.

Norman K. **Schwab '58** has been married for 47 years (he was fixed up with his wife for a fraternity party by Chapter Brother William Temkin, Jr. (UCLA '59) and has three children and six grandchildren.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ben J. Purer '01 is a 4th grade teacher at Cowan Avenue Elementary School.

Michael B. Tracy '97 finished his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Chicago at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and has taken a private practice job in Denver,

COLORADO

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Jules Levy, **Jr**. '**54** has been married to his wife Nancy for 26 years and they have three sons, two granddaughters, Maddie & Chelsea and one on the way due in October.

Devon M. Schad '04 will marry Kelli Thatcher on August 17, 2008. Devon was recently promoted to Senior Director of Development for the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation and elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Congregation Bonai Shalom in Boulder, CO as the Director of Means and Ways.

CONNECTICUT

GREATER HARTFORD AREA

Brian H. Fischoff '08 recently accepted a job at Bankers Life & Casualty in Brick, NJ as an Insurance Sales Agent.

DELAWARE

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Andrew K. Goldberg '01 joined the MBA class of 2010 at the Goizueta Business School at Emory University. Brother Goldberg and his wife moved to Atlanta from New York City in July. Prior to starting classes Brother Goldberg and his wife climbed the Cachiccata Trail to Machu Picchu.

FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Jason A. Sain '97 will be attending Georgetown University in the fall and be part of the full time MBA program.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Marc Sokolik '62 throws shot put in the Senior Olympics. In February, Brother Sokolik placed 5th in the 65-69 age group and in May received a Bronze medal in the 65-69 age group.

Jeffery B. Werner '72 just had his first grandchild, Colby Robert Sackett. Brother Werner also just finished his 15th year as a Little League District Administrator as well as putting together his 40th high school reunion. Brother Werner has been married 34 years. The high school football team Brother Werner played on at Coral Gables High School was recently named the Florida High School Team of the Century for the first 100 years of Florida High School football. In addition they were named the best team of the decade for the 60's as they were State and National Champions.

GEORGIA

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

James R. McNamara '82 is currently employed as a Unit Coordinator in the Hazardous Waste Management Branch of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Brother McNamara received a National Notable Achievement Award in the "Cross Program Results for Land Revitalization - Team Award" from USEPA on May 20, 2008 for helping to facilitate redevelopment of the Escambia Camilla Superfund site.

Robert J. Tinsley '00 got married on April 26 to Melissa Chumbler in Dunwoody, GA.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Rabbi Irvin S. Ehrlich '64 retired from his position as Founding Rabbi of Temple Beit Torah, Colorado Springs, CO

ILLINOIS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

James A. Burstein '63 informed us that the Phi Epsilon Pi Gamma Chapter Class of '63 will hold its 45th reunion on Homecoming weekend this fall. To date 17 out of 22 Brothers have said they will attend. For more information on the reunion contact Brother Burstein at Jab630@aol.com.

Jonathan E. Dennis '98 and his wife Stacie had their first child (Asher Ross Dennis) on September 7, 2007. Brother Dennis and Stacie met at Northwestern where Stacie spent most of college with the Gamma Chapter of ZBT. The Dennis' recently brought Asher to the ZBT house at Northwestern. Brother Dennis wrote that, "maybe one day, he'll join the fraternity."

David E. Sugarman '04 received his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School in June, 2008.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Marshall Ottenfeld '59 informed us that a birthday party was held in honor of Herbert Hartman (Chicago '60), this past April. Attending were Robert B. Bloom (Chicago '60), Stephen M. Meltz (Chicago '61), Gary Gottfreid (Chicago '60) and Marshall Ottenfeld (Chicago '59).

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Jason C. Robin, **M.D.** '98 is now an Attending Physician in the Division of Cardiology at Evanston Northwestern Hospital after completing his Fellowship in Cardiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL. Brother Robin has two sons.

INDIANA

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

Brady P. Akers '06 was hired by ViewMyLife, a new online community that combines social networking with productivity tools like email, calendar, contact management, media sharing and more. Brother Akers' official title is Group Outreach Manager.

In addition, Brother Akers has two stories published in 20-Something Manifesto: Quarter-Lifers Speak Out About Who They Are, What They Want, and How to Get It, a book recently released by author Christine Hassler and New World Library publishing.

LOUISIANA

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERISTY

Sidney Dreyfus '57 and his wife Ann Durning Dreyfus celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 8, 2008. After two years of military service ending May 1960, Ann & Sidney resided in Krotz Springs, LA. Brother Dreyfus worked alongside his father for 40 years owning and managing a country general store and is now retired. Brother Dreyfus and his wife are the parents of three married children and are the proud grandparents of five (5) grandchilden and three (3) great grandchildren.

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Michael A. Feldman '98 recently started a new job as V.P. of Business Development for China Direct, Inc. and is based in their Shanghai office.

Jeffrey I. Kaliner '91 is CEO of Power Windows & Siding, Inc. located outside of Philadelphia. Brother Kailner and his wife Mara have twin boys and a daughter.

Joshua A. Shon '94 is married to Stacey and they have one child, Charlee MacKenzie. Brother Shon received his MBA from Syracuse University in 2000 and works for Shon Strategic Consulting, LLC. Brother Shon is a Board Member of a non-profit, Emotional Endurance Institute.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Jay I. Moskow '54 had a new grandson born on May 4. Brother Moskow now has two granddaughters and three arandsons.

Arthur Poulten '56 has been married for 49 years and is currently retired. Brother Poulten is a past president of Temple Am David in Warwick, RI. Brother Poulten is also the past president of Touro Fraternal Association, Advertising Club of Rhode Island, and the Fall River (Mass.) Factory Outlet Association. He is a Board Chairman Emeritus (having servced as Chairman for 13 years) of the Touro Fraternal Association, the largest (more than 600 members) independent Jewish fraternal order in New England.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Allan M. Lum '00 recently celebrated his second wedding anniversary and the birth of a son, Aidan. Brother Lum works for Nextwave Broadband as an Engineering Design Manager.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - AMHERST
Benjamin I. Sokol '02 got engaged on February 17, 2008 to Shari Alexander in Central Park in New York. Brother Sokol and his fiancée will be married next February on Long Island.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Harry S. Ellman '68 is planning a 40th reunion for Beta Epsilon the weekend of October 3rd. For more information on the reunion contact Brother Ellman at harry@fidelitycommercialservices.com.

Sanford Klein '60 is planning a reunion at Michigan State for Brothers in the graduating classes of 1960 - 1963. The reunion will start the evening of Thursday, September 11 Thursday and conclude on Sunday, September 14, 2008. Please contact Brother Klein for details at sklein1938@yahoo.com.

Ted A. Toback '53 was recently elected President of The Southern California Region of B'nai B'rith. In addition, Brother Toback's grandson graduated high school and will be attending UCLA.

MISSOURI

UNIVERSTIY OF MISSOURI

Mitchell D. Jacobs '84 is an attorney in St Louis with two children Jason (21) and Sam (18). Jason A. Jacobs (Indiana '09) is a Beta Gamma from Indiana University and Sam will attend Northwestern University in the fall.

Leonard Komen, **Esq**. **'65**, ZBT Past National President celebrated his 65th birthday on May 31. Brother Komen was perhaps only the third National President who served as such while in his 40's and headed the movement that allowed the Fraternity to move its National Headquarters to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Brother Komen and **Brother Richard Hitt** (**Missouri '68**) organized a very successful "Omega of the 60's" Alumni Reunion last November, attended by ZBT alumni from across the country. Brother Komen and Brother Hitt were able to locate at least 260 alumni who had been out of touch with each other for the most part for the past 40 years. While not all alumni could attend, the reunion resulted in the funding of over \$25,000 to support leadership programming for the current Omega colony at the University of Missouri.

Richard A Optican '54 is proud to announce that his granddaughter, Kelsey Herman, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree and Arts and Science, from Newcomb-Tulane University in New Orleans, LA on May 17, 2008. She plans to use her knowledge of the Spanish language to teach English in Argentina and also work in international trade. Her father, Robert Herman, is a graduate of the University of Florida and is a ZBT.

NEW JERSEY

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Joel H. Davidson '04, Treasurer and Mission to Washington Coordinator for NORPAC (www.norpac.net), recently coordinated a trip bringing 22 buses filled with 900 people to advocate on behalf of the US-Israel relationship, security, and energy independence. Participants met with nearly 500 Congressional offices including 97% of the Senate, and were addressed by the Israeli Ambassador. This Fall, Joel plans to start the study of law at William & Mary.

NEW YORK

BROOKYLN COLLEGE

Norman Berk '66 has been married to his wife, Phyllis Pike since 1967 and they have three children and five grandchildren. Brother Berk owns Professional Asset Strategies, LLC, wealth manager. Brother Berk is a Co-Founder of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama, raising money for the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

Mark G. Stolzenberg '72 is a successful producer, actor and writer. Brother Stolzenberg is currently producing a feature film which he hopes to shoot in India. Brother Stolzenberg starred in the feature film comedy, "Luggage Of The Gods", which was directed by David Kendall - producer and writer for ABC's hit, "Growing Pains" and he has made several appearances on the David Letterman Show. Brother Stolzenberg was a principal in Tom Selleck's film, "Her Alibi", was a regular character on the "Robert Klein Television Show", and was one of the lead roles in the feature film, "Breakfast In Bed", which appeared on HBO, SHOWTIME, and CINEMAX. Brother Stolzenberg made several appearances on ABC's, "All My Children", and most recently, he played a leading role in the feature film "The Dry Season" and a principal role on CBS's series, "Dellaventura". In addition, he has appeared as a principal character in over 25 national television commercials.

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

Jay P. Miller '69 has four grandchildren.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Dr. Robert F. Brodsky '46 retired from Industry (TRW) in 1988 and from teaching (Univ. of Southern California-Astronautics and Space Technology) in 1996. Since retiring Brother Brodsky has taken to writing. Brother Brodsky is the author of "On the Cutting Edge" – Tales of a Cold War Engineer at the Dawn of the Nuclear, Guided Missile, Computer and Space ages. This describes happenings while Brother Brodsky was responsible for the aerodynamic design of all our early atomic bombs; and tells about adventures in the start-up of the space age. His second book, "Songs My Mother Never Sang To me" is a compendium of college songs (many from Cornell and the Ivy League).

Dr. A. David Rossin '53 was Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1986-87 – during the second Reagan term. Brother Rossin served as Director of the Nuclear Safety Analysis Center at the Electric Power Research Institute in Palo Alto from 1981-86, Director of Research, Commonwealth Edison Co. from 1972-81, Senior Engineer, Argonne National Laboratory from 1955-71 and was President of the American Nuclear Society from 1992-93.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - HEIGHTS

Stephen Weiss '62 has been practicing corporate and securities law in New York City since 1967. Brother Weiss is currently a partner of the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP in New York. Brother Weiss and his wife Jean have four children.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY - SQUARE

Jay Pollak '66 is the President and COO of The Raylon Corporation located in New York. Brother Pollak has been married for 40 years and has two children.

QUEENS COLLEGE

Lawrence S. Avroch '73 is proud to announce that his son Joshua S. Avroch (Boston '08), just graduated with a Computer Science degree and has been hired as a Computer Software Engineer for a company in the Financial District in NYC.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - BUFFALO

Joseph Scheff '58 celebrated his 52nd wedding anniversary on July 22.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - PLATTSBURGH

Craig W. Berndt '05 is a Senior Marketing Consultant at Regent Broadcasting of Albany.

Jason M. Lewin '07 got married on July 4th, 2008. He was recently promoted to Production Manager at WUTR/WFXV in Utica, NY.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - STONY BROOK

Steven R. Schwartz '78 is a Board Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. Brother Schwartz recently presented a lecture and hands-on workshop in Dental Implant Prosthetics at the 2nd AstraTech World Congress in Washington, DC.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Jason Z. Fisher '06 and fellow ZBT alumnus John C. Intrater (Syracuse '06) recently completed and premiered their first feature documentary film, "Swing State." An intimate look at the personal impacts of the political life, "Swing State" follows a family's journey through one the most important races in the history of American politics: the 2006 Ohio Governor's race. 'As Ohio goes, so goes the nation.' Seen through the eyes of a candidate's son, "Swing State" shines a light on a world that is often times as brutal as it is rewarding. For more information check out the film's website at: www.swingstate08.com

Jerome H. Parmet '57 is a sculptor in Scarsdale, New York. You can see Brother Parmet's work at Heckscher Park in Huntington, New York during the Town of Huntington – Public Art Initiative 2008 from May 27 – September 30, 2008 and at Chesterwood; a National Trust for Historic Preservation in Stockbridge, Massachusetts from June 13 – October 15, 2008.

Earl Pollak '52 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal on Aug. 3, 2003 for wounds he received 50 years ago (to the day) while serving with the 27th Inf. Regiment of the 25th Inf. Division in Korea. Brother Pollak's Congressman (the Hon. Ralph Regula of

the 16th Congressional District of Ohio) awarded him the medal at the Canton, Ohio American Legion Post.

Brother Pollak's service in the Army occurred shortly after he graduated from Cornell University where he transferred from Syracuse University in his sophomore year. Brother Pollak was a Charter Member and first Vice President of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Sigma Delta.

Dr. Larry P. Weinstein '75 recently became the Chief of the Plastic Surgery service at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey. Brother Weinstein is also the President of Mt. Freedom Jewish Center in Randolph, New Jersey.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Randall M. Cohn '73 is founder and owner of Ventura Realty, Ltd., a commercial real estate brokerage and development company in Chicago, IL. Brother Cohn received a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in 1975 from the University of Chicago. He currently lives in Wilmette, IL in the north suburbs of Chicago and would welcome hearing from other ZBT alumni from the University of Rochester.

OHIO

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Robert L. Baty '92 was married on April 19, 2008 to Gerilynn Kline.

Richard A. Macaulay '70 retired from the U.S. Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and now lives and teaches high school in

Mobile, Alabama.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Sherman J. Titens '54 is Co-Founder and Advisory Director of The PrivateBank in Kansas City, an affiliate bank of <u>Private Bancorp</u>, Inc. The bank focuses on commercial banking, private banking and wealth management.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY - OHIO

J. Christopher Beck '91 has been named Director of Mutual Fund Product Communications and has recently celebrated his 10th Anniversary with Legg Mason, one of the largest asset managers in the world.

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Chad M. Mitchell '07 celebrated his first wedding anniversary on July 5. Brother Mitchell is in his first of three years of an Accenture Finance Development Program.

OREGON

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

James A. Jacobs '81 has been married to his wife Kathryn since 1980 and they have two sons. Brother Jacobs' son, Stephen has Down Syndrome and is in the Special Olympics. His son Andrew enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2001. Brother Jacobs is a Wildland Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Supervisor for First Strike Environmental.

PENNSYLVANIA

EAST STROUDSBERG UNIVERSITY

Joseph M. Polizzotto '00 was married on October 11, 2005 to Erica Phillips. Brother Polizzotto and his wife have a baby girl born December 11, 2007, Kathryn Marie. Brother Polizzotto was recently promoted to Manufacturing Supervisor for GSK, Biopharmaceutical Division.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Kyle W. Flemish '01 now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Flemish got married to Stephanie (Millinger) Flemish on July 14, 2007. Brother Flemish and his wife both work in Simonton Elementary School.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Benjamin A. Nussdorf '04 got engaged in May of 2007 to Inna Dexter and a January, 2009 wedding is planned. Brother Nussdorf graduated from Washington College of Law in May. Brother Nussdorf received a Presidential Management Fellowship and will begin work at the Department of the Interior in September.

David M. Schlessinger '86 has been living in Sydney, Australia for almost 10 years and works for Babcock & Brown. Brother Schlessinger is married and has three children.

Gregory Stone '79 moved to Boca Raton, Florida from New Jersey last summer with his wife, Candy, and son, Brendan, who recently became a Bar Mitzvah. Brother Stone's move was due to a job change. Brother Stone works with the law firm of Saxena White, a firm that investigates securities fraud and files class action claims against companies that commit such violations.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Jesse D. Matthews '00 graduated from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in 2004 with a MA in Clinical Psychology and is finishing his second year of his Doctor of Psychology degree. Brother Matthews and his wife will celebrate 5 years of marriage in August and they have three sons. Brother Matthews is a counselor and psychology teacher at Hill Top Preparatory School in Rosemont, PA.

Brother Matthews is helping to plan a University of Pittsburgh Beta Phi reunion in October of this year during Pitt's Homecoming weekend (October 24-26). For more information about

RHODE ISLAND

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERISTY

James R. Borden, II '03 is Director of Sales for Blue Star Jets.

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Bryan W. Ferguson '05 recently became engaged to Meghan Mollohan and they expect to have an August 2009 wedding. The two have also bought their first home in North Attleboro, MA.

Jeffrey A. Ross, DPM, M.D., FACSM '75 served as Chairman of The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) symposium on Overuse Injuries in the Baby Boomer, the Results of Years of Abuse at its 55th Annual Meeting held in May at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gilbert M. Saltman '64 and his wife Barbara (Schleifer '65) have been living in Trumbull since 1983. They have a married daughter who has two boys ages 7 and ten. Their married son is a professor at DePaul University in Chicago. After a 28 year career with IBM, Brother Saltman became a nutritionist in 1995. The Saltman's have been regular attendees of reunions at URI and are pleased at the wonderful standing that ZBT has on campus. As a founding member Brother Saltman never got to live in a Phi Sig/ZBT fraternity house but is proud of the way the chapter has evolved on campus.

SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

William R. McGhee '74 is currently General Manager of an Industrial Pump Distributor in Minneapolis Minnesota. Brother McGhee also teaches College Accounting part-time at a local community college. Brother McGhee's hobbies include gardening, competitive muzzleloading shooting, camping and hiking.

TENNESSEE

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Captain Russell M. Corwin '99 just finished up his second tour in Iraq where he was the Troop Commander for A/3-17 Cavalry flying Kiowa Warrior Helicopters.

Mark D. Siegel '77 was married to Linda Nicole Mullins Siegel on November 23, 2007 in Sarasota, Florida. Brother Siegel practices law in Sarasota in the areas of real estate, estate planning and commercial law.

Robert Teitlebaum '62 and his wife Binki, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on June 29. Binki is the Youth Group Director for Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, VA. Brother Teitlebaum is a free-lance writer and also on the board of the Salem-Roanoke Baseball Hall of Fame.

VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA TECH

Bret W. Hrbek '96 graduated with a Masters in Financial Planning from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts in May 2008

WISCONSIN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MADISON

Michael D. Davidson '63 was a cellist in the New Orleans and Kansas City Philharmonics for 18 years and then became a Computer Programmer in Kansas City. Brother Davidson still plays the cello in the Overland Park Orchestra, Waldo String Quartet and in a guitar/voice and cello duo called Ten String Symphony. Brother Davidson performed with the last two groups in October, 2006 at the ground breaking ceremony for the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, a \$326 million project (www.kauffmancenter.org) that will have 2 halls: one for the Kansas City Symphony and one for the Kansas City Lyric Opera and Kansas City Ballet.

Andrew J. Friedman '79 was named as partner of Saxony Securities, Inc. in 2004. In 2007 Brother Friedman completed a Certified Financial Planner program and received his certification. Brother Friedman has been married for over 23 years and has a 21 year old son. In addition, he achieved 4th degree Black Belt in Kenshikai Karate in 2006.

Jonathan H. Levin '03 was married to Sarah Levin in March 2005 in Paradise Valley, AZ. Brother Levin is a Paul Harris Fellow with the Rotary Club of Scottsdale, AZ and was elected to BCS Fiesta Bowl Committee. Brother Levin is also helping with the formation of a Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Club of Phoenix. For information on the Zeta Beta Tau Alumni Club of Phoenix, please contact Brother Levin at JHL679@aol.com.

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The Jewish Student In American Colleges By Edward N. Calisch, Ph.D.

(Dr. Calisch, an honorary member of Nu Chapter of Phi Epsilon Pi, was President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. His pulpit is in Richmond. VA.-ED.)

The position of the Jewish student in American colleges (and the word college here is intended to mean all higher institutions of learning), is in a measure peculiar just as the position of the Jew is peculiar everywhere. A college is a microcosm, a little world of its own with social and economic divergences, just as in the larger world outside. The extent of these divergences varies in different colleges. Broadly speaking, it may be said that in the younger colleges of the Western States it is less marked than in the older institutions of the Atlantic seaboard. While these social and economic divergences exist, it is recognized that they are apart from the real business of college life, which is the acquisition of an education. The opportunity for this is expected to be open and free to all alike, irrespective of any accidental differences of race, religion, or nationality. Of late, however, it appears that this intellectual freedom is being attacked. It is proposed to discriminate among the candidates for matriculation into college. The American atmosphere does not quite permit a bald introduction of the European scheme of a "numerus clausus" applied to a specific group. So there has been introduced a subtle and devious method of discrimination by means of a questionnaire, sent to prospective matriculates, from the answers to which the officers of the colleges were to make their selection or rejections. That the number of Jewish students in not a few of the larger colleges and universities in the land has been restricted by this and other methods equally devious is a well known fact.

The Jews had protested against the discrimination practiced against them by social and cultural organizations. The inability of Jewish students to enter Greek letter fraternities, certain societies or dormitories, or to attain position in other fields of college life, has been on a par with their rejection from certain hotels, apartment houses, clubs, resorts and summer camps in the outer world. Finding their protest in vain the Jews have answered with their own organizations. There are Jewish Greek letter fraternities, Jewish hotels and resorts, Jewish clubs and summer camps.

Now the point has been made that there should be an answer to this academic discrimination against Jews in the shape of a Jewish university. There has been recent earnest discussion whether or not there should be a Jewish university established in America. At first blush there seems not a little to commend this project. A proponent of the scheme says that "he proposes the Jewish university not as an answer to academic anti-Semitism, but on its own merits as a contribution by Jewish intelligence and ideals to American life . . . that the endowment of such a university should come principally from Jewish sources;" he adds, "that the faculty need not be strictly Jewish, but if it were it would furnish an attractive experiment in Jewish intellectual endeavor, for the concentration of a fraction of Jewish intelligence in the faculty of a college would surely be provocative of interest and achievement."He then gives a list of Jewish names for the several chairs of the various departments of a university, men who are already serving as professors in various universities and colleges, or are prominent in professional, literary and scientific fields. It is really an imposing list.

To my notion, a Jewish university is not only not an answer to the present problem, but it is a proposal fraught with much danger. It is possible that a university thus organized and manned would be liable to occupy in course of time a position in the very forefront of the higher institutions of learning. But that such a university, even with this possibility, is either desirable or needed, or is in any way an answer to the present wave of anti-Semitism is very strongly to be questioned. This issue is in reality not a Jewish issue, but an American issue. To restrict admission to any college, whether it be so-called private or not, is not only a denial of the fundamental facts of intellectual freedom, but is a subversion of American principles, and a negation of the spirit of its institution.It goes without saying that such a restriction could not be legally practiced in State supported institutions.

It is underliably true that we must fight this new phase of anti-Semitism, but we must fight it on purely American grounds, not Jewish. It is on a level with the Ford propaganda and with the Klu Klux Klan activities. While the Jews may be the first sufferers of such an agitation, the real victim is American democracy. I have confidence in the fair play and sense of justice of the thinking men and women of America, that they will not permit this to continue, just as it was the splendid action on the part of non-Jewish American men and women that counteracted the poison-pen slanderers of the Detroit manufacturer, and as it is surely undermining the strength of the Klan. The proposal is ill advised, as it will prove to be ineffective. You cannot destroy a social Ghetto by creating an intellectual Ghetto.

The Jewish student must accept his position in the American college with courage and self-respect even though that position may at times be galling to the spirit and irksome to his just ambitions. His bearing, both as a member of the Jewish Greek letter fraternity and as an individual, should be the fruit of a deep sense of self-respect and invested with the dignity that comes from the courage of that self-respect. The Jewish student should be ready to participate in the cultural and social life of his college, in its athletics, debates, literary societies and other similar activities, insofar as he may be permitted to do so. He should do so not for the sake self-aggrandizement nor with an aggressive assertiveness, but rather in a spirit of public service and college loyalty. Let him not fret too much over such disappointments or defeats as may come to him from seemingly unjust discrimination, but accept them as part of the game, which on his side he proposes to play fairly, decently and bravely. This attitude will do far more to destroy the discrimination than all the vocal protests that may be made. The present wave of accentuated anti-Semitism, both in and out of college life, will subside. Let none of us do anything now in anger or resentment which may later give cause for regret.

Phi Epsilon Pi Fraternity was founded at the City College of New York (CCNY) on November 23, 1904. The Founding Brothers were Alvin P. Block, William A. Hannig, Arthur Hamburger, Max Shlivek, Abraham E. Horn, Siegfried F. Hartman and Arthur Hirschberg. The Fraternity was founded as a non-sectarian fraternity in principle although in practice its membership was always primarily Jewish.

About a year after the founding of Phi Ep, several brothers transferred to Columbia University and formed the Beta Chapter. Other transfer brothers were responsible for founding the Epsilon Chapter at Cornell.

The Chapters at CCNY, Columbia and Cornell operated more or less independently until December 29, 1911 when a small group of alumni decided that some central control was necessary for growth and for the establishment of a real national fraternity. To that end, they established what was then known as the National Executive Committee. The group adopted a constitution, assumed complete jurisdiction over the individual chapters, standardized the local constitutions and conducted the general business of the Fraternity. This group met from 1912 until 1917 when due to the growth of the Fraternity, it became impractical to continue doing so.

The Fraternity saw tremendous growth from 1914-1916 when chapters were formed at the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Dickinson College, and the University of Pennsylvania as well as several other schools throughout New England.

Phi Epsilon Pi founded its first chapter in the South when Ben Segall, a Cornell alumnus, took a teaching position at the University of Georgia and helped to form a chapter there. Not all was good however. In the midst of the aggressive expansion, some chapters did close. But in general, the early years of the 20th century were prosperous for Phi Epsilon Pi.

In 1917, the management of the Fraternity was placed in the hands of a Grand Council. The officers of the Grand Council, made up of Grand Superior, Grand Vice-Superior, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were elected at the Grand Convention and were given full judicial and legislative powers between Grand Conventions.

During the World War I period, Phi Epsilon Pi, like all national fraternities, was faced with a real emergency; but the sacrificial spirit of the officers at that time made it possible for the Fraternity to survive. The 1919 "Victory Convention" in Pittsburgh gave a rebirth to Phi Epsilon Pi. Indeed 1920 saw the addition of several new chapters particularly in the Midwest. 1922 saw the hiring of the first paid staff member then known as the Executive Secretary.

Members of Phi Epsilon Pi can be proud of the Fraternity's contribution to the war effort during World War II. At least 2,000 Phi Eps served in the Armed Services both as officers and as enlisted personnel. Sixty-three brothers lost their lives during the war.

While almost all chapters were forced to close during the war, all were reactivated following the war's end. The end of World War II saw the addition of several new chapters including Queens College, Memphis State College, North Carolina State College and the University of Omaha.

In 1950 the Fraternity hired its first traveling secretary whose primary responsibilities were to visit chapters and work to start new chapters.

Irving Adessky a transfer student from Wisconsin founded the first Canadian chapter, Alpha Psi Chapter, of Phi Epsilon Pi in 1951 at McGill University in Montreal. The Fraternity continued to grow during the 1950s. In 1961, Phi Epsilon Pi merged with Kappa Nu Fraternity, a fraternity founded for Jewish college men in 1911. Phi Epsilon Pi was now made up of 50 chapters, 45 alumni associations and 24,000 undergraduate and alumni members.

In 1970 Phi Epsilon Pi merged with Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. The two organizations were similar in many ways. At the time of the merger Phi Epsilon Pi had sixty chapters. ZBT had merged with Phi Sigma Delta in 1969. At the time of the Phi Ep merger the three organizations together had 157 chapters and approximately 93,000 undergraduate and alumni brothers.

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On April 12, 2008 five Brothers together with their Alumni Advisor from the Alpha Mu Chapter at the University of Washington participated in one of the most important commandments in Jewish law. As part of Seattle area Temple DeHirsch Sinai's Project 613, the brothers participated in the scribing of a letter in a new Torah. The Chapter also donated money to help underwrite the cost of this Torah which will be used for the study and enjoyment of future generations. In all over 1,400 people participated in this community building effort throughout the greater Seattle area.

This action highlighted two of the integral parts of the ZBT Credo: Social Responsibility and Brotherly Love. These elements were fulfilled by the brothers by participating together in philanthropic acts to benefit the community while also recognizing and taking pride in our Fraternity's Jewish heritage. At the same time, the Brothers were able to fulfill an important spiritual commandment as mandated by the 613th commandment in the Torah. Being part of this community building activity continued the momentum that this recently re-chartered Chapter has been building since its re-colonization in 2006.

After a founding father class of eleven, the Alpha Mu Chapter is now 33 strong and growing as a vibrant part of both the University of Washington and Seattle area community. The Alpha Mu Chapter is proud of its diverse Brotherhood and equally proud of all Brothers' recognition and participation in heritage related activities.

This act of rededication to Torah holds even more importance to our Fraternity. The core concepts of Judaism and the tenets of the ZBT Credo are very much aligned. In a simple act of scribing, the brothers demonstrated their commitment to the ideals of both ZBT and Judaism, which sets them apart from other fraternities. Brother Travis Freidman '11, commented on his experience by saying, "This Torah represents so much more than a document that holds religious values. It is more than a document that holds the heritage of the Jewish people. This document is our [ZBT's] bridge to its past and it's future. With a single stroke of the quill I felt connected to over five thousand years of Jewish history and one hundred ten years of ZBT Brotherhood." Our fraternity's history is important and unique, it cannot be similarly claimed by any other fraternity. Thus it is always important to keep in mind where we have come from. It is our history that will help guide us to where we are going, but it is inevitably our connection to each other that will get us there.

Present at scribing were:

Bryan Kornsweit (President, Founding Father, Alpha Mu'10)

Jonathan King (Founding Father, Alpha Mu '10)

Dustin Sherman (Founding Father, Alpha Mu '10)

William Hackney (Alpha Mu '08)

Travis Freidman (Alpha Mu '11)

Myles Kahn (Alumni Advisor, Alpha Nu '84)

Rabbi Moshe Druin

Expansion Update 2007-2008 School Year | Print this article

The 2007-2008 academic year proved to be one of the most successful years for expansion that we have had in a very long time. We opened 10 new colonies including several at schools of significant historical importance to ZBT. This academic year also marked our return to being an international fraternity as we re-colonized at McGill University in Canada. Below you will find the information about each of our new colonies.

Cal State - San Marcos

This colony was initiated with 14 men and quickly grew into a 27-man fraternity. They became well known on campus quickly and worked with the university to become a part of the Interfraternity Council. They also had a very successful "Get on the Ball," a philanthropy event, in which they raised money for one of our national philanthropies, Children's Miracle Network. Our Beta Tau colony at San Marcos was recognized as the "Best New Student Organization," by the University.

University of Missouri - Columbia

Our re-founding at "Mizzou" marks the return of our Omega Chapter. This group was initiated in October with 10 men. Throughout the year, they participated in many hours of community service and became very active in the campus Hillel. Chapter President, Brian McCamley says, "We are really excited to bring ZBT back to Mizzou to show just how strong the Jewish community is here. We are eager to jump right into Greek Life at Mizzou and show the powerhouse of excellence that is ZBT." The colony will be utilizing the summer to continue growing into a larger chapter with recruitment events planned in St. Louis and Kansas City.

Greater Hartford Area:

Our return to Hartford, Gamma Lambda chapter took place with the initiation of 15 men in October. The colony quickly grew into a 23 man fraternity. Throughout the year they participated in philanthropies that raised money for Lymphoma Cancer Society, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Children's Miracle Network. President Jason Krane was thrilled with how the year went and looks forward to another great year to come. "We want to strengthen our recruitment and by the end of the year have enough brothers so we can receive a charter. This will be a long process but I am sure that our hard work will pay off to provide the opportunity to achieve greatness," said Krane.

George Washington University:

George Washington, home to the Alpha chapter of our antecedent Phi Alpha. Thus our new colony at GWU has been designated Phi Alpha Alpha. Our return to GW was much anticipated with eager students advocating to bring us to campus. Currently the colony has 20 members. Phi Alpha Alpha Immediately became very involved in the local community and participated in events such as "Clean up Foggy Bottom day" as a group. They also had a successful "Get on the Ball," philanthropy event, and raised thousands of dollars for Children's Miracle Network. Vice President, Alex Goldstick says that he was extremely impressed with how close how all of the brothers became over the course of the semester.

University of Houston:

We initiated 25 bright young men at the University of Houston and will have 19 men returning in the fall. Our colony instantly became involved in the community and with even stronger involvement in Hillel. They volunteer at the Center for the Mentally Ill as a way of giving back to the community. The colony has secured a 21 man house for next year. Their goal is to initiate 20 new members in the fall and become the fastest growing fraternity on campus.

New York University:

NYU has always been a very important school for ZBT in our history, as it is our Gamma chapter. Our return to NYU was very welcomed by the University, the Jewish community and the campus community. The colony has quickly become one of the most recognized groups on campus and won an award voted on by peers for "Most Outstanding Presence on Campus." In addition to this, the Gamma colony participated in "Get on the Ball," and raised over \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society. Corey Brills, president of the colony says, "After one semester at NYU, we are already recognized as one of the best fraternities on campus. We regularly receive compliments from other fraternities and sororities, as well as those who oversee Greek life at NYU. Despite these achievements, we will not be satisfied until we are the biggest and best fraternity on campus."

Cal State – Long Beach:

We initiated 15 men at Cal State – Long Beach, Beta Pi Colony, this spring. Beta Pi was able to participate immediately in Greek Week with great enthusiasm. The colony won the philanthropy part of Greek Week by collecting the most amount of canned goods. These students have done a great job reaching out to the Beta Pi alumni in the Southern California area and will continue to increase their efforts.

University of Arizona:

Our return to Alpha Omicron was brought about by 14 eager and excited students. These students have only been ZBT's for a few months and have already begun making a difference in the local community. They participated in local food drives and soup kitchens. Plans have been made for the fall for the group to co-sponsor events with both Hillel and Chabad.

McGill:

Not only does the opening of McGill mark our return to the great country of Canada but it also has brought back another single letter, historically important chapter to Zeta Beta Tau. McGill is our Upsilon Chapter. We initiated the 10 Founding Fathers right before they left for summer. We will continue working with them on training and look forward to seeing their future accomplishments.

We are still in need of colony advisors for this group so if you or anyone you know live in Montreal and would be interested in volunteering, please contact Director of Expansion and Recruitment, Matt Tobe at Mtobe@zbtnational.org.

Delaware:

The Epsilon Theta colony is our newest initiated toward the end of the academic year. We had an overwhelming number of alumni attend the initiation which was held at the local Chabad house on campus. We greatly appreciate the support of all of the alumni who were involved. We look forward to the great accomplishments next year and in the years to come.

Overall, it was a very successful year for expansion as we added 175 new men to our ranks through the 10 new colonies. Our plans for this upcoming year are already well underway. Some of our target schools include Arizona State, University of Kansas, University of Toronto, Miami of Ohio, University of Georgia, Bowling Green State, University of Chicago, University of California - San Diego, Florida International University, Yeshiva University, University of Vermont, Western Ontario, and Brown University, just to name a few.

However, we are always looking to expand to schools where ZBT is not currently located. Please email all recommendations of students who may be interested in joining, or starting ZBT on their campus to our Director of Expansion and Recruitment, Matt Tobe, at Mtobe@zbtnational.org.

Richard W. Cohen (Gamma ZBT '47) Memorial Scholarship Fund Established | Print this article

Richard W. Cohen was a self-described problem solver and an unapologetic workaholic who loved to solve difficult problems and provide advice and service to others. He was a voracious reader and brilliant thinker. He was a lifelong resident of New York City and member of Zeta Beta Tau for over 60 years.

In his professional life, Cohen was Vice President of a large insurance brokerage firm, CEO and Chairman of a swimming pool manufacturing corporation, and founder of a risk and claims management firm he managed for 20 years until the time of his death.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Julius A. Cohen, a pioneer in the insurance industry, Cohen had offices in some of New York's most famous buildings, including the Flat Iron Building, the Woolworth Building, the World Trade Center, and the Lincoln Building across from Grand Central Station.

As a leader in the field of risk management, Cohen derived immense pleasure from determining how to reduce client costs and corporate risk while increasing coverage and improving safety for both his clients and the public at large.

Cohen was a board member of the National Swimming Pool Association and speaker at many of its recent meetings. He also served on the board of directors for the apartment building in which he lived in NYC and the community in which he had a winter home in Arizona.

His charitable work began with the Junior Division of the UJA Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. In partnership with his wife, he also established a private, non-profit foundation that continues to support cultural and humanitarian causes.

At the time of his death, Cohen had been married to his wife, Connie, for 41 years. He is also survived by his son Daniel, daughter Lisa, step-son Keith Frankl, grandsons Andrew and Jacob, and granddaughter Paige.

Richard felt strongly about ZBT. He was committed to fostering the educational and emotional growth of collegeaged students. Friendships he made as a ZBT Brother endured for the rest of his life. He served as National Treasurer of ZBT and Director of the Gamma Chapter at NYU Heights.

He is forever loved and remembered by his family, friends, colleagues, and clients. He would be pleased to know ZBT has established a Scholarship Fund in his name and delighted to know his name is associated with assisting hard-working students to pursue higher educational opportunities.

Richard Ketover, Herb Baum and Ken Ruskin, as the Trustees of Gamma Holding Corporation for Gamma Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at New York University requested the establishment of the Fund.

We are pleased to announce that the following Brothers have qualified to receive a Zeta Beta Tau Foundation scholarship as part of the 2008 scholarship program.

Ronan F. Arthur, University of California - Los Angeles - Alpha Rho-Goldring & Freund Scholarship

Petar Bajic, Case Western Reserve University - Herman H. Siegel Memorial

David M. Berlin, University of Pittsburgh - David & Dorothea Garfield Scholarship

Jason A. Bonomo, Case Western Reserve University - J. Ira & Nicki Harris Scholarship

Atip Chatsudthipong, University of Southern California - Lawrence R. Ruskin Memorial Scholarship

Gregory R. Cohen, Indiana University - Jacob Burns Scholarship

Ronald A. Dan, Central Florida - Past National Presidents Memorial

Daniel Feder, University of Florida - Lawrence Kantro Memorial

Jason B. Feingertz, University of Maryland - College Park - Yassenoff Foundation

Arkady Feygin, Boston University - Herbert Robinson Memorial Scholarship

Michael D. Glick, University of Southern California - Alpha Delta (Stanley Rousso) Centennial Scholarship

Evan J. Goldstein, University of Pittsburgh - Joseph Glaser Memorial Scholarship

Brian Y. Goo, University of Denver - Dickinson Chapter Scholarship

Daniel A. Goodman, Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine - R.P.I. Grosberg Memorial & Hirschberg Scholarship

Ross F. Honeyman, Rutgers University - Robert M. Ravin Memorial

Daniel D. Hull, Case Western Reserve University - Ben & Rose Gross Memorial Scholarship

Jarret J. Jacobus, University of Denver - Judge Sherman Finesilver Leadership & Scholarship

Jonathan S. Katz, University of Florida - Alpha Centennial Scholarship

Craig E. Kaufman, Tufts University - Phi Sigma Delta - William Weinberg Foundation

Joshua M. Levy, Washington-St. Louis - Alan Honigberg Memorial

Alec S. Lewis, Tufts University - Dudley Hilborn Memorial Scholarship

Dustin B. Liebling, Northwestern University - J. Ira & Nicki Harris Scholarship

Storm M. Liebling, Northwestern University - Richard S. & Harry S. Graham Memorial

Kevin P. McMurray, University of Rhode Island - Edwin N. Sommer Memorial Fund

Joseph M. McNamara, Lynn University - J. Ira & Nicki Harris Scholarship

Zachary M. Monat, University of Alabama – Sidney & Silvia (Sue) Lewitt Memorial Scholarship

& Jay R. Gotlieb Memorial Scholarship

Austin S. Nichols, University of California - Los Angeles - Alpha Tau/Steven M. Haas Memorial Scholarship

Alcides N. Rivas, Washington-Seattle - Tillie & Alfred Shemanski Memorial Scholarship

Jared Sandler, University of Southern California - Alpha Delta (Stanley Rousso) Centennial Scholarship

Jonathan A. Sandler, University of Pittsburgh - Dr. Howard T. Behrman Scholarship

Daniel J. Spirn, University of Wisconsin - James & Milton Klein Memorial

Josh A. Troy, University of Texas - Austin - Earl M. Robbins/Nu (Ohio State) Memorial Scholarship

Sean F. Vander Linde, University of North Carolina - Jack London Memorial Scholarship

Justin W. Wedell, University of California - Los Angeles - Southern California Alumni Assoc. Scholarship

Brian C. Wilhelm, Gannon University - Gellert Brothers Scholarship

Peter P. Yaskin, University of Nevada - Las Vegas - Harold Riegelman Scholarship

Since its founding, the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation has awarded more than \$1.3 million to deserving ZBT brothers. This year the Foundation is providing more scholarship dollars than in any year in its history. In 2008, scholarship awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

The Zeta Beta Tau Foundation is pleased to be able to provide scholarships to deserving brothers. Congratulations and best of luck to all scholarship recipients.

For information on establishing a named Scholarship Fund within the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, please contact Foundation Executive Director, Faron A. Lewitt.

Get On The Ball Print this article

When the Beta Zeta Epsilon Chapter at the University of Maryland-College Park decided they would buy a six-foot inflatable ball more than a decade ago, they had no idea that they would soon be starting a nation-wide tradition.

"Beta Zeta Epsilon had always had a reputation on campus of philanthropic giving and community service. The chapter, however, had not broken the mold from the standard activities such as financial pledges or a few hours of service to local charities. We were looking for something that would shift the paradigm and would include every brother and reach every undergraduate," said past BZE Chapter president Micah Coleman ('01).

Known as "Get on the Ball", this event has evolved into a true ZBT tradition that now occurs on dozens of college campuses across the country. While Beta Zeta Epsilon continues to raise funds for their preferred philanthropic organization, Make-A-Wish Foundation, many of our chapters have decided to utilize this event as a way to partner with one of our nationally adopted charities, Children's Miracle Network.

Children's Miracle Network (www.cmn.org) was adopted by ZBT in 2002 for many reasons. Children's Miracle Network is the premier alliance of more than 170 children's hospitals across the United States and Canada. Because of their vast network, there are hospitals within a short distance of all our chapters and colonies. One of the defining characteristics of Children's Miracle Network is that all funds that are raised by a chapter or colony are donated to the Children's Miracle Network hospital that is closest to their school. This allows our undergraduates to visit and witness, first-hand, the impact that their fundraising efforts are making on children in their local communities.

Chapters and colonies all over the country have adopted "Get on the Ball" as their signature philanthropic event. From the University of Southern California to the University of Alabama and north to New York University, hundreds of undergraduate brothers have had a "ball" while participating in this event. Nathan D. Fox (Colorado '09) said "hosting this event was an opportunity to show the University that a creative philanthropic idea can do great things for the community. We raised funds for Children's Miracle Network because our chapter has had a strong connection with the local hospital since our founding and believe strongly in what they stand for. We couldn't see ourselves giving the money to anyone else."

The way the event works is simple. Chapters and colonies first order the ball from our preferred vendor, www.flaghouse.com, and set the date for their event. As a way to generate excitement and support for their event, brothers solicit local businesses requesting that they pledge a set amount of money per signature that the chapter can collect on the ball. Chapters and colonies typically identify an entire week for the event and incorporate activities ranging from a kick-off BBQ introducing children from their local hospital to sponsoring competitions for student organizations on their campus. Brothers roll the ball (which measures six feet in diameter) around the campus for a set period of time while asking students, faculty, staff, and guests to sign the ball to show their support for their chosen charity. At the conclusion of the week the number of signatures is counted and checks are presented to the charity. Chapters have had up to 10,000 signatures at the end of just one week.

ZBT began publicizing this event to all of its chapters just four years ago. Since then more than 30 chapters and colonies have hosted this event on their campus with plans for nearly all 80+ of our chapters to host this event in the future.

Here are just some of the chapters that have hosted "Get on the Ball" on their campus:

Adelphi, Gamma KappaColorado, Beta Alpha Theta Alabama, PsiEmory, Eta Lambda Arizona, Alpha OmicronFlorida, Alpha Zeta Brandeis, Epsilon PhiGeorgia Washington, Phi Alpha Alpha Central Florida, Beta TauLynn, Beta Tau Maryland, Beta Zeta Epsilon Miami, Alpha Omega Missouri, Omega New York University, Gamma North Carolina, Alpha Pi Ohio State, Nu South Florida, Gamma Chi Southern California, Alpha Delta Washington-Seattle, Alpha Mu

In addition to promoting this event to our chapters to support their local children's hospital, ZBT has also begun advertising its newest adopted philanthropy, Chai Lifeline (www.chailifeline.org). Chai Lifeline provides ZBT with a logical connection to our Jewish heritage and for our undergraduates and alumni to participate in events to help sick children.

Inspired by a Rabbi who wanted to create a summer camp experience for children who were unable to attend traditional camps due to an illness, Chai Lifeline has grown over the last two decades to be known as an organization that works endlessly to improve the quality of life for sick children and their families. Each year hundreds of dedicated supporters participate in an annual marathon and half-marathon in which all funds raised are donated to Chai Lifeline.

The ultimate goal of ZBT is to have at least one undergraduate member from each chapter and colony raise the funds necessary to participate in this marathon which is held each January in Miami Beach. While undergraduate support is essential to developing this partnership, there is also a great opportunity for alumni to join in this effort. "I participated because I knew it was a worthy cause that meant a lot. Just like the bonds of brotherhood don't end after graduation, neither should our commitment to service," said Matthew I. Tobe (Colorado '06). More information about the next marathon can be found by visiting www.teamlifeline.org.

The 2007-08 academic year has been a great success for our organization in its endeavors to inspire true social responsibility among brothers of ZBT. As alumni there are many opportunities to get involved in the continuing efforts to support our nationally adopted philanthropies, Children's Miracle Network and Chai Lifeline, as well as other worthwhile organizations that our membership chooses to recognize. Led by a group of volunteers, the National Philanthropy Committee allows select alumni and undergraduates to utilize their passion for impacting their community while helping ZBTs across North America to see what it means to truly live our Credo. For more information about our philanthropic endeavors, or inquiries on joining the National Philanthropy Committee, please contact Associate Executive Director Laurence A. Bolotin at lbolotin@zbtnational.org or at 317-334-1898.

Zarb Becomes City of Light Trust Member | Print this article

Michael F. Zarb (Beta Alpha Chi '92) recently stated, "Working to provide the Brotherhood experience [to future brothers] I have had and continue to have is not only a desire but a duty which I take to heart. We all have sworn an oath to help a Brother. It is from this oath that Brotherhood gains strength and endures through time. Through volunteer work and annual donations to the Foundation needs can be addressed as they arise, but what about those that cannot be foreseen. There will come a time in the future where I will no longer be able to answer the call of a Brother. This is the core surrounding my [\$100,000] planned gift to the Foundation. The undergraduate Brother or chapter who will require assistance in the future will have a place they can go, educational resources at their disposal, scholarships to help with tuition and most importantly, have a full Brotherhood experience, long after I have gone."

The City of Light Trust recognizes and honors those who have made deferred gifts, whether revocable or irrevocable, to the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, including but not limited to, trusts, bequests, gifts of life insurance, and annuities. Membership is open to all ZBT alumni, parents, staff, and friends. Members of the City of Light Trust will receive the following benefits.

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- Fred Diamond (University of Florida '52)
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- Seth D. Feldman (York College of Pennsylvania'91)
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- Jack Marks (Washington & Lee University '32) *
- Earl M. Robins (Ohio State University '28) *
- Byron K. Schader (Washington University St. Louis '50)
- Barry D. Siegel (Bowling Green State University '52) *
- Morris H. Siegel (University of Denver '74)
- Kenneth L. Simon (University of Pittsburgh '75)

- Richard S. Simon (University of Michigan '43)
- Edwin N. Sommer (University of Nebraska '34) *
- Philip M. Waxberg (CCNY '66)
- Wilhelm Weinberg (Other) *
- Arthur S. Weinstock (Columbia University '41)
- Jonathan I. Yulish (Case Western Reserve University '84)
- Michael F. Zarb (York College of Pennsylvania'92)
- Allen Ziegler (University of Southern California '35) *

* has entered Chapter Eternal

To inform us of your membership in the City of Light Trust or for further information about making a planned gift or bequest to the Zeta Beta Tau Foundation, please contact Foundation Executive Director, Faron A. Lewitt at 317-536-5658 or via email at foundation@zbtnational.org.

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Greek Anti Hazing Hotline | Print this article

As part of the ongoing effort to end hazing on college campuses and particularly within Greek organizations, Zeta Beta Tau has joined over twenty international fraternities and sororities in a coalition to establish the Greek Anti-Hazing Hotline. The toll-free number is 1-888-NOT-HAZE (1-888-668-4293).

The line is available to those who think they, or students they know, have been or may become victims of hazing. Callers may remain anonymous or provide personal information so their concerns can be responded to directly.

The Anti-Hazing Hotline connects to a dedicated voice mailbox at the Cincinnati law firm of Manley Burke, the publisher of Fraternal Law, a well-known law journal that chronicles legal issues involving collegiate Greek organizations and higher education.

Manley Burke will monitor the anti-hazing hotline on a daily basis and will forward all messages to the appropriate fraternal organization, along with the hazing laws from the relevant jurisdictions. In states in which the law requires notification of other authorities, this will be done. A hazing alert for an organization not involved as a sponsor will be handled as though that organization were a sponsor.

"Fraternities and sororities take hazing very seriously and have worked hard to see that hazing is eliminated," said Tim Burke, president of Manley Burke. "They recognize too many people have been hurt or died as a result of hazing incidents and that today more than 45 states make hazing a crime. Officers of Greek organizations are consistently teaching their members that hazing is antithetical to the high ideals of brotherhood and sisterhood embodied in the fraternity movement," he continued.

Norval Stephens, chairman of the Delta Tau Delta Educational Foundation and former international president of the fraternity, led efforts in establishing the hotline. Stephens worked to grow interfraternal support for the hotline from the time it was conceived in January 2007 through recruitment of sponsors and participating organizations and finally to its implementation.

Stephens explained the goal: "Our experience in the Greek world on hazing and alcohol abuse is that behavior is not changed by research. We believe educational programming and action change behavior. Research illuminates the problem but does not solve it. We hope the hotline helps to eliminate hazing."

Stephens added, "Without exception, all national fraternities and sororities are serious about addressing hazing on the college campus. Many fraternal groups not listed as sponsors already have their own hotlines dedicated to the fight against hazing. We stand with them in our common goal to eliminate these behaviors."

The Anti-Hazing Hotline is a crucial new tool for Greek organizations to use to fight hazing. The 20 founding sponsors, who represent in excess of 35% of all fraternity and sorority members, have invited other fraternities and sororities to join as official sponsors of the Greek Anti-Hazing Hotline.

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GOLD PROGRAM Print this article

The Zeta Beta Tau Foundation instituted a development initiative to reach out to successful graduates for Foundation support. The GOLD Program has already generated tremendous interest in the Fraternity's educational and charitable programs.

The program started with two Directors of Development who travel to different regions of the country for inperson meetings with Brothers. The two Directors of Development are Devon M. Schad (Colorado '04) who lives outside of Denver, Colorado and Nathan A. Cohen (Colorado '07) who lives in Boston, Massachusetts.

One of the unique aspects of the GOLD Program is that the majority of these donors are pledging their support over a 5-year period of time. These long-term pledges allow the Foundation to project future grants to the Fraternity. Likewise, the Fraternity can plan strategically for future programs or initiatives with the assurance that funding will be available when they need it.

The following have contributed or have pledged to contribute as part of the GOLD Program.

Barry M. Aarons (Arizona State University '71)

David E. Aarons (Emory University '00)

Richard N. Abrams (University of Illinois '63)

Joshua B. Abramson (Boston University '01)

Jeffrey A. Adams (Indiana University '96)

Steven Adelson (Ohio State University '71)

Kevin S. Adelstein (Ohio State University '90)

Matthew N. Adler (Southwest Texas State University '94)

Niall T. Adler (University of San Francisco '98)

Gary A. Agron (University of Colorado '66)

Joshua M. Alpert (University of Illinois '97)

Ronald Ambuter (Parsons College '71)

Scott A. Ammaturo (Montclair State University '92)

Jason B. Andersen (Emory University '03)

Marc L. Andres (University of California - Los Angeles '82)

Frederick S. Apt, Jr. (Keene State College '85)

Robert T. Arkin (University of Denver '83)

Peter Aschheim (University of Pennsylvania '59)

Andrew F. Ashwal (University of Maryland - College Park '01)

Eric S. Askanase (Brandeis University '91)

Jeffrey H. Auslander (University of Wisconsin - Madison '66)

Howard D. Bader (Adelphi University '70)

Derrell K. Bailey (University of Georgia '79)

Jeffrey J. Bakker (Monmouth College - Illinois '90)

Bruce H. Balonick (University of Denver '70)

Louis Banez, Jr (University of San Francisco '87)

Robert L. Barenholtz (University of Missouri '78)

Eliot Barnett (Georgia Institute of Technology '73)

Alberto Barzola (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute '91)

Todd M. Bass (University of Hartford '89)

Alan Bassik (University of Florida '84)

Mark W. Battaglino (Seton Hall University '88)

William M. Bauman (University of Alabama '73)

James F. Bean, Jr. (York College of Pennsylvania '98)

Paul A. Beatrice (Bentley College '88)

J. Chris Beck (Miami University - Ohio '91)

Allan C. Bell, Esq. (University of Pennsylvania '81)

Kenneth A. Bendalin (University of Texas - Austin '92)

Bruce R. Bendell (University of Colorado '90)

Matthew E. Benz (University of Nevada - Las Vegas '03)

Bruce P. Berger (Rider University '80)

Steven J. Berger (Washington University - St. Louis '84)

David L. Berger (Pennsylvania State University '95)

Dr. Jay B. Berkowitz (University of Alabama '97)

Alan J. Bernstein (Washington University - St. Louis '75)

Michael S. Bernstein (Vanderbilt University '78)

Matthew D. Bernstein (University of Florida '08)

Gary L. Berz (University of Denver '70)

Glenn I. Beyer (George Washington University '91)

Hunter A. Biederman, Esq. (University of Florida '00)

Jeffrey J. Blanchfield (Arizona State University '92)

Alan S. Blank (Syracuse University '05)

Richard A. Blenden (George Washington University '87)

Rabbi Mark S. Bloom (Northwestern University '88)

Josh Z. Bloomberg (University of California - Berkeley '02)

Jesse P. Blum (University of Colorado '05)

Steven M. Boden (University of Washington - Seattle '81)

Douglas A. Bodner (Georgia Institute of Technology '87)

Spencer B. Bodner (Syracuse University '05)

Laurence A. Bolotin (University of Florida '01)

Jonathan H. Bond (Washington University - St. Louis '79)

James R. Branch (University of California - Santa Barbara '93)

Martin D. Braver (Boston University '47)

Gil M. Breakman (California State University - Northridge '89)

John R. Brecker (American University '85)

Simeon Brinberg (University of Michigan '55)

Morris N. Broad (University of Miami '56)

Ronald B. Brodey (Indiana University '67)

Michael N. Bronstein (University of Colorado '70)

Garrett A. Brooks (Seton Hall University '05)

Stanley A. Brosman M.D. (Indiana University '56)

Steven C. Brown (University of Charleston '88)

Zane A. Brown, Jr. (University of Pennsylvania '88)

Brian C. Brown (Virginia Tech '97)

Travis M. Brown (University of Alabama '99)

Michael G. Bryant (University of Southern California '99)

Salvatore J. Caldarera (Brooklyn College '95)

Charles V. Callan (Columbia University '78)

Daniel Carbajal (Cornell University '03)

James S. Carlin (University of California - Los Angeles '80)

Patrick J. Casey, Esq. (University of Colorado '89)

Irving M. Chase, Esq. (University of California - Los Angeles '74)

Ryan L. Chase (University of Southern California '05)

Evan J. Chasse (Pennsylvania State University '02)

David F. Chavenson (Dickinson College '73)

Steven D. Christie (Hofstra University '80)

Michael D. Cimini (Cornell University '92)

Gerald B. Cohen (Wayne State University '70)

Alan J. Cohen (Indiana University '77)

Adam D. Cohen (Washington & Jefferson College '84)

Lance A. Cohen (Washington University - St. Louis '86)

H. A. Cohen (Tulane University '89)

Jay W. Cohen (University of Alabama '90)

Russell J. Cohen (University of Miami '92)

Nathan A. Cohen (University of Colorado '07)

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