

# The Transit

OF ALPHA DELTA ZETA



## *A Message from the High Alpha*



The men of the Alpha Delta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha have begun another exciting year of carrying on the great traditions and ideals that this fraternity was founded on so many years ago. We have set some lofty goals and placed some high expectations on ourselves for this upcoming year to ensure that alumni from this house and brothers and alumni from other chapters will consider this chapter at the University of Missouri-Rolla one of the strongest in the country.

As is always the case, things change with the beginning of every new year, and this fact is especially true for the chapter this year. Col. Tom Akers has bought a new home in Eminence, Missouri. This relocation has forced him to step down as the house's academic advisor.

We have since appointed a new academic advisor, Dr. Scott Grasman. Dr. Grasman is an assistant professor in the Engineering Management department and is an alumnus of the University of Michigan. He is young, enthusiastic, and enjoys working with students, which should make him a great asset to this chapter.

In closing, I would like to remind all of our alumni that the house doors are always open, and the brothers of Lambda Chi always enjoy seeing and visiting with the men whom helped mold and shape this chapter into what it is today, the best fraternity on the University of Missouri-Rolla campus.

In ZAX,  
Ethan Buckmier

*"...The crescent is our symbol; pure, high, ever growing ..."*

## Col. Ed Remembered

**T**he Alpha Delta Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha recently lost a man that was considered an American icon, a community leader, and a true brother in every sense of the word. Col. Edward A. Owsley, or as anyone who knew him; Col. Ed, passed away on June 21, 2004, at the age of 91.

Col. Ed, AD 830, served as High Pi from 1973-1998. His legacy provides us "a tremendous example of selflessness and volunteerism." Col. Ed was extremely vocal, both nationally and locally, but he was "a man who always followed his words with deeds." His leadership as a brother was always action, not position. His death is a great loss not only to Lambda Chi, but also the City of Rolla and America. Col Ed will be sorely missed. Please keep his family, friends, and all he touched and influenced in your prayers.

In ZAX,  
Brother Adam R. Lewis  
AD 1264  
High Beta



Col. Ed holds up the Association of the U.S. Army's superior service award, the "Col. Edward Owsley Award". Col. Ed was the first to receive the award which is also named after him.

## Adam Britt Memorial Race

**T**he UMR Cycling Club will be holding the annual Adam Britt Memorial Mountain Bike race on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The cycling club puts this race on to honor former club President and Brother Adam Britt (AD 1232) who was killed in a biking accident in the Spring of 2001. Races will be held at the Lions Club trail in South Rolla. Racing categories are First timer, Beginner, Sport, and Expert to allow everyone who can ride a bike to race. Please come out and honor the memory of our lost Brother.

Ben Wright  
AD1276

Please email me for More Info:  
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## Rush Update

**T**he rush season has had a rocky start for the Alpha Delta Zeta Chapter. Although we came in from the summer with four guys this year, Inter-Fraternity Council placed new regulations on Greeks this year. For the first time on the UMR campus, all fraternities were placed on formal recruitment during the Orientation Week for freshman. This meant that no bid cards could be handed out by any Greeks on this campus for that whole week. Although IFC had high expectations for formal rush, 45 of the 75 kids that signed up dropped out before touring any of the Greek houses. We are beginning to recover from this huge IFC mess, having signed four guys thus far on top of the four we started with. We are still rushing hard to make the message and opportunities of Lambda Chi Alpha known to all the students of the this campus.

*“...and the cross is our guide; denoting service, sacrifice...”*

## From the High Rho

**B**rothers,

My committee has worked diligently over the past year to make our alumni database as correct and accurate as possible. Our greatest hurdle has been to update addresses that have not been updated in years. Each time we distribute the Transit, 10 or more are returned with out forwarding addresses. We were “losing” almost 20 brothers a year to incorrect addresses and no way to correct them. However, I am happy to report that we are now working closely with the UMR Alumni Association to update our records and “find” our missing brothers. The next transit will be our largest distribution to date and will reach more brothers than ever.

I am also very happy to announce that we have recovered an Alpha Delta Paddle from an EBay auction. The paddle was sold in May for \$22; this news was a real slap in the face to all brothers of this Zeta. The buyer was a collector of Fraternity paddles and stated that it was the most beautiful and detailed paddle he had ever seen. After several months of negotiating it’s return, it finally arrived this past Friday. We will be displaying the paddle with our trophies as an example, in the hopes that our traditions never again find their way into the hands of the highest bidder.

Homecoming is now four weeks away and the entire house is gearing up to greet our alumni. If you can make it we would love to see you. The Homecoming calendar can be found on the back of this newsletter. Recently, Jim White (AD786) stopped by to see how the house was doing. After talking with Brother White, I am proud to report that we are carrying on many of the same house traditions formed well before our time. If you are ever in Rolla please stop by, it’s always good to meet a brother.

In ZAX,  
Brent Whaling  
High Rho  
Alumni@AlphaDeltaZeta.org

## 1955-1960 Reunion

21 Lambda Chi brothers, and 15 significant others, who graduated between 1955 and 1960 got together in Sarasota Fl for three days. This was the first time the brothers all got together since graduation.

While the booze didn’t flow like water as in the old days plenty of laughs, great food and comradeship were in abundance. Amazingly we all remembered our Alpha Delta numbers and even recognized a few of the folks. The name tags came in very handy. Some played a round of golf, some went deep sea fishing. We all went on a dinner cruise on Sarasota bay.

The last evening was to have been a cocktail party and dinner at a beach front resort. An hour before the trolley arrived it started pouring. The trolley leaked and the road to the resort was closed and we had to turn around. Fortunately we remembered many of the old songs like Shanty Town, Whippenpoof, etc and had a million laughs while we sat in the leaking trolley.

Plans are in the works for a reunion cruise next year.

Bill Gruenwald  
(AD432)

## Alumni Events

**One of our goals over the next year is to facilitate alumni events in cities across the states so fellow brothers can get together. Once we update our address information we will begin planning these events. Such events could take the form of a BBQ, a gathering at a local restaurant, or even a golf mini-tournament. If you have any ideas for an event or would like to host an event please contact the High Rho**

# Homecoming 2004 Paradise Island

## Housing Corp.

Fellow Brothers,  
We hope to see you at our annual Homecoming meeting on October 16th, Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00am, with the Alumni meeting following at 9:15am  
Yours in ZAX

Tom Green, Housing Corp. President  
Larry Thomas, Housing Corp. Treasurer

## ADZ Web Site

The AlphaDeltaZeta.org website has a new look! Please check this site for Alumni News, Events and Updates. Registering on the website will allow us to update our records with your address.

## Homecoming Schedule

### Saturday October 16th

8:00am-9:00am

Alumni Breakfast

9:15am-adjourned

Housing Corp. Alumni Meeting

11am-1pm

Campus: 1979 Graduate Lunch

1pm

Football Game

Miners VS Washburn

After Game - ????

House Alumni Celebration

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