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Theta-Pi Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity at Gettysburg College

LAMBDA CHI RETURNS WITH 27 NEW MEMBERS!

By Greg Padovano '93, Alumni Association President

In 1996, we wrote to tell you of a renovation to the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house in Gettysburg. If you haven't been back recently, I can ensure you that the house looks as good as it has in years.

In 1998, we told you of the difficult decision we made regarding the ongoing operations of Lambda Chi Alpha. The chapter's numbers had dropped to the point that running the house was an economic challenge. Together with the undergraduates, we decided to close the active chapter and lease the house to the college. While this was a difficult decision, it was the right choice and ensured that we remained financially strong. Throughout this process, we continued to have a strong relationship with the college and were recognized as a positive influence on campus.

Today, we are happily writing to tell you that not only did we recolonize the fraternity this spring, but we significantly exceeded all estimates with 27 new members. This number was even more remarkable as our recolonization took place two weeks after all the fraternities had completed rush. This was the most successful recolonization in anyone's memory at Gettysburg College. Among the new students are many of the school's current leaders, including the freshman class president, student senators and a number of resident advisors. The new students will reoccupy the house this fall. In fact, many of the new members and some active alumni spent several days this summer getting the house ready for fall semester.

The culture at the fraternity continues to change for the better. While we are a social fraternity, education and scholarship continue to be emphasized, and the students are required to follow strict guidelines set by the national fraternity and the college regarding the use of alcohol. The enthusiasm of the new members is infectious, and an active group of alumni continues to help guide them.

One of the reasons that the fraternity struggled during the last half of the '90s was decreased alumni involvement. Those who did get involved often were frustrated by a lack of response from the undergraduates. We now have a chance to improve interactions between undergraduates and alumni. Now is the time to get back involved with the chapter.

How can you help? The first step is to call or email one of the alumni board members. But like most of us, your life has taken on many other time-consuming responsibilities. So if you don't have the time at this point in your life, then please contribute to the alumni association through annual dues and our periodic fundraisers, or donate much-needed items to the house such as furniture. We thank you for your help, and look forward to a great 2001-02 school year.

ALUMNI GROUP HELPS WITH RECOLONIZATION

A dedicated group of alumni mobilized in late November last year to work with the national chapter on the recolonization. A special thanks to Gregg Padovano '93, Bob Palmer '87, Dan McGill '92, John Petrycki '91, Brian Choate '96, Craig DeMallie '91, Scott Strong '92, Mark Trudeau '92 and John Comegno '94 for their efforts in traveling to Gettysburg for various rush events and helping get the chapter back on its feet.

While everyone was slightly above playing weight and missing a few hairs here and there, they were able to communicate the opportunity of starting a new fraternity with a strong national and local alumni base. In fact, many of the new members mentioned strong alumni interest as a reason they decided to join Lambda Chi.

Your time and support as an active alumnus can make all the difference.



A group of Gettysburg alums from the late '80s/early '90s have developed a business-networking group, which meets quarterly in Philadelphia. Above is a picture of the group, which includes Jim Mogan '89, John Comegno '94, Bob Palmer '87 and Bruce Braunewell '87. If you are interested in joining the group contact Bob Palmer at rjp@springcap.com.

2001 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

September 29, 2001

Lunch at the house—12:00

Game against Johns Hopkins—1:00

Lambda Chi Alpha business meeting at the house—4:00

RSVP to Nathan Ross at 717-337-8360 or Nathan@rev.net

— ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT —

RON MILLER, A STRONG ALL-AROUND GETTYSBURG ATHLETE

As one of the strongest all-around Gettysburg athletes of his era, Ron Miller competed on – and was a big contributor to – some of the best football and wrestling squads in College history.

The football team posted a 20-7 combined record during his three varsity seasons, including an 8-1 mark in 1953. During his sophomore season of 1951, the Bullets closed the year with five consecutive wins, including a 40-20 triumph over Franklin & Marshall on November 22, 1951 in the legendary Hen Bream's final game as head football coach. Described as "one of the workhorses of the team" by Spectrum, the offensive lineman earned all-state and all-Middle Six Conference first-team honors in 1953.



On the wrestling mat, he pinned his first varsity opponent in a 27-3 win over Haverford on January 12, 1952. He finished second in his weight class at the 1953 Middle Atlantic Conference championships before capturing the conference gold medal in 1954. Most importantly, the Bullets won conference titles in each of his three varsity seasons. In the 1953-1954 season, he won the Charles Bacham Award as the College's top male athlete.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., he graduated in 1954 with a degree in mathematics.



HALL OF ATHLETIC HONOR PRESENTED TO RON MILLER '54

By Kearney Kulthau '54

Roughly twelve brothers had a celebration party for Ron Miller '54, for his September 23, 2000, induction into Gettysburg's Hall of Athletic Honor. The following brothers were in attendance (see picture above): Ron Miller '54, Skip Marino '55, Kearney Kulthau '54, Jay Williams '54, Chris Chianos '56, Frank Eckert '56, Luke Lewandowski '56, Emerson Tracy '56, Bud Snyder '55, David Foreman and Edmund Klein '57.

Len Rein '52 wanted to come but was at the Olympics in Sydney and missed the train out. Hank Bargmann '55 was also unable to attend but communicated his best wishes to Ron by phone.

Ron thought so much of the party that he mentioned it and Skip at the Induction Dinner on Saturday night. Luke, Jay and I, and our wives, went to the dinner along with another table of friends and relatives. Except for Gettysburg's loss in football to Swarthmore (15-10), it was a nice weekend. Skip was a super host along with his wife, mother, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, who were all in attendance at the party. Skip's house rests on the mountain northeast of Harrisburg and commands a spectacular view of Harrisburg and the River.

YOUR INPUT MAKES THETA-PI NEWS A SUCCESS!

Help us continue to make *Theta-Pi News* a success by sending us address changes, news and photos!

Our newsletter, along with our other periodic mailings, is your link to your alumni association and your Theta-Pi brothers. It's easy to guard against missing out. Just don't make a move without letting us know your address change—and your news. You can report both on the enclosed form, or you can drop us a note at the address below.

Also, share those photos from the past or of recent gatherings that bring back so many memories. We can reproduce them in the newsletter and return them to you undamaged and unchanged. Just attach a note requesting their return with your address.

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LAMBDA CHI ALPHA RETURNS TO GETTYSBURG

By Nathan Ross, High Rho

One for three years, Lambda Chi Alpha has returned to the Gettysburg College campus. In 1997 the brothers of Lambda Chi decided that Theta-Pi Zeta should leave campus temporarily due to poor recruitment and a diminishing active membership. Now, thanks to Lambda Chi Alpha headquarters, several motivated students and alumni, the fraternity at Gettysburg College is back stronger than ever.

The recolonization effort, headed by expansion leader Robert Walker, yielded 27 new brothers for Colony 130. We are off to a strong start. As of last semester, we had the highest GPA of all fraternities on campus (2.99) and brothers occupied campus positions such as president of the student senate and president of the first-year class. Other organizations with which brothers are involved include CHEERS (created to teach students to drink responsibly and have fun while staying safe), Spectrum (the yearbook), Residence Life, The Center for Public Service, and numerous sports. Most of the men chosen to be members of Lambda Chi Alpha were and still are involved on campus.

Since the summer began, brothers have been working on the house (still located at 113 West Broadway) in an effort to have it ready for the beginning of the school year. Lofts have been built, the kitchen cleaned and reopened, walls and ceilings repainted, gutters cleaned, and much of the old furniture was refurbished. Even though there is much work yet to be done, the brothers eagerly look forward to each new task. We invite you to stop by and help with the effort! The undergraduate brothers also invite you to attend Alumni Weekend on September 28-30 to see the house and meet the new brothers.

As is always the case with fraternities recolonizing, resources are in short supply. Any donations are gladly welcome and encouraged — cleaning and fixing up the house is a costly endeavor. Please contact Mike Quickel (717-337-8361) or Nathan Ross (717-337-8360 or Nathan@rev.net) with any questions. We look forward to a great year and many more to come!

'50s REUNION A SUCCESS

By Bob Palmer '87, Alumni Association Vice President

The class of the '50s organized a reunion in the fall of 1999 to celebrate the renovation of the fraternity. Primarily through the hard work of Brother Hank Bargmann '55, nearly 25 members from the class of the '50s gathered to celebrate some of the glory years of the Lambda Chi fraternity.

The day started with coffee and doughnuts at the house and a campus tour by a representative from the college. A buffet lunch followed at the house. Then we were off to the football game to watch Gettysburg play a very good Swarthmore team.

After returning from the game, the annual business meeting was held. Many of the '50s alumni talked about what the house meant to them and their interest in seeing it recolonized. The alumni then were treated to a ritual reenactment by undergraduate brothers from Shippensburg University.

To cap it all off, a sit-down dinner was held at the college, followed by a slide presentation of '50s pictures compiled by Kevin Loh '88. All agreed that it was an entertaining day, well worth the trip, and probably one of the best alumni weekends the chapter ever held!

One action tells a lot about what it means to be a Lambda Chi alumnus for life. Hank Bargmann had talked to Henry Fick '53, who had a stroke and was confined to a wheelchair. Henry wanted to see the house again, but was unable to travel to Gettysburg from New York alone. Hank journeyed from Vermont to New York to pick up Henry, and together they were able to enjoy the festivities; brotherhood does not end with graduation!

If other class years are interested in helping to organize decade reunions ('60s, '70s, '80s or '90s), please contact Nathan Ross, the current alumni officer at the house, or any member of the alumni board. The college reunions only emphasize a single year, while most fraternity friendships span four years or more.



LAMBDA CHI ALPHA COLONY

Troy Cassel	Hummelstown, PA	Alex Marx	Chevy Chase, MD
Matt Dorman	Wenham, MA	Frank May	Biglerville, PA
Justin Greer	Towson, MD	Jeph McGowan	Easton, PA
Steve Hand	New Tripoli, PA	Brian Myers	Yorktown Heights, NY
George Harvey	Raleigh, NC	Chad Price	York, PA
Ben Hendricks	Phoenixville, PA	Mike Quickel	Dover, PA
Jaime Hernandez	Ellicott City, MD	Doug Ritter	Selinsgrove, PA
Tom Hockensmith	East Berlin, PA	Nathan Ross	Rocky Mount, VA
Matt Hosterman	Blairstown, NJ (not initiated)	Adam Samuelson	Boiling Springs, PA
Kip Jones	Ridgefield, CT	Nate Stazewski	Middletown, PA
Doug Koellmer	Wilton, CT	Doug Stuart	Birdsboro, PA
Kirk MacMinn	Doylestown, PA	Adam Tokar	Summit, NJ
Joe Malone	Borclentown, NJ	Doug Walo	Rockland, MA
Kyle Marshall	Asbury, NJ	Eric Weaver	Coal Township, PA

ALUMNI NEWS

These updates were received during the fall of 1999 or earlier. We look forward to hearing from you with your latest news. Please check us out on our website: www.laser.net/lambda

Marvin M. Hensley '44 (6005 Marella Dr., Sarasota, FL 34243)

Dean A. McClain '49 (322 Forest Hill Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31088) Play lots of golf — made a hole in one — and do lots of volunteer work at my church.

Donald G. Luck '54 (2460 Dover Rd., Columbus, OH 43209) Professor of systematic theology at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. I have been named resident research fellow at the Nanzan Institute in Nagaya, Japan — the center for Asian Buddhist-Christian dialogue. I will be in residence there in 2000.

W. Robert Welliver '54 (21340 Pelican Sound Dr., Unit 201, Estero, FL 33928; wrwelliver@yahoo.com) Retired from Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in August 1998. Relocated to Estero, Fla., which is between Fort Myers and Naples. Playing some golf and active as treasurer of Gateway Trinity Church in Fort Myers. Also involved in investment management consulting as part-time activity.

Richard C. Christensen '57 (P.O. Box 2086, 12303 N. Old Whaling Ln., Beach Haven Terrace, NJ 08008)

Laurence N. Johnson '59 (82-83 Mack Cv., Rogue Bluffs, ME 04654; larryjohnson@webtv.net)

R. Daniel Selak '60 (1550 Bailer Hill Rd., Friday Harbor, WA 98250; outlook@rockisland) Portfolio manager and senior vice president at Salomon Smith Barney. Hired my daughter, Terra, as my junior partner to teach her the trade so I can travel the world without having to keep track of everything. Probably partially retire in three years, full time after.

Richard A. Mitchell '62 (615 Niblick Ln., Wallingford, PA 19086) Was elected to position of district commissioner of Boy Scouts of America.

John B. Sheaffer '63 (P.O. Box 246, Milford, DE 19963) Owner and president of Bikes Etc. Avid cyclist — I'm representing the State of Delaware in my age group (55-59) in cycling at the Senior Olympics which will be held in Orlando, Fla., in October 1999.

Henry P. Petite Jr. '69 (17 Grover Ln., Caldwell, NJ 07006; hankp88@aol.com) Teacher at Bloomfield High School. My older son, Justin, is a Lambda Chi at University of Maryland-Baltimore County. When are fathers and sons brothers? When they're both Lambda Chis!

David W. Dunn '75 (215 N. Fulton St., Strasburg, PA 17579; frm-ddunn@redrose.net)

Thomas L. Brenneman '76 (11 Bayberry Close, Newark, DE 19711; tbrennem@csc.com) SAP consultant with Computer Sciences Corp. Always on the go with wife Pam and sons Andy (5) and Matthew (2)! Spending a week at the Jersey shore this summer with Tamera and **Gary Hatton '75** and their 3 children.

Bruce w. Braunewell '87 (115 Oxford Ln., North Wales, PA 19454; bbraunewell@majcpa.com)

Laura and **Ted Helwig '87** threw a Lambda Chi reunion party at their new house in Warminster, PA. Classmates attending were Heide and **Tom Mountford** and their 3 children; Barb and **Jeff Cappuccio** and their son, Kyle; Janis and **Dave Richards** and their 2 daughters; Grace and **Eric Toburen** and their 2 children; and Sheila and **Bob Palmer** and their 2 sons. Liz and **Bruce Braunewell** and their 2 children were unable to attend. A good time was had by all!

Louis K. Mattera '87 (69 Howell Dr., Smithtown, NY 11787; lou_mattera@pall.com)

Robert Y. Gray Jr. '89 (1146 Sycamore Ln., Mahwah, NJ 07430)

Internet systems support at UPS. On August 4, 1999, my wife, Gina, gave birth to our first child, Kevin Robert Gray. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

Paul A. Hamilton '94 (1129 Gunnison Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501; phamilton4@juno.com)

Charles A. Krimmel '95 (23 Runnemedede Ave., Lansdowne, PA 19050)

Timothy P. Lydon '95 (1900 F St. N.W., Apt. 134, Washington, DC 20006; lydont@law.georgetown.edu) I have one more year at Georgetown University Law Center and will be clerking with Judge M. Blane Michael on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit when I graduate. **Paul Reyes '97** was accepted to Tulane Law School. **Jason Kaplan '95** moved to Woodbridge, Va., with his wife, Jocelyn. He is a diver for the Virginia State Police.

J. Peter Shupp '96 (115 Paugaussett Cir., Trumbull, CT 06611; pete@comcentercolo.net) Marketing manager at O'Halloran Advertising. Karlen and I got married on August 21, 1999. A number of brothers were in attendance.

OMEGA

John T. Keister Jr. '31 (1/30/00)

Donald R. Poole '35 (4/27/99)

F. Alan Zimmerman '40 (2/10/98)

Lyman G. Sener Jr. '47 (5/27/99)

Edward S. Gill '48 (2/24/98)

Lambda Chi Alpha mourns their passing and extends condolences to their families and friends.



The Wedding of Rick Krause '89. From Left to Right: Matt Mahoney '91, Rick (with glasses) Scott Rockafellow '89, Dave Wahl '89, John Petrycki '91, Geoff Jackson '91, Mike Mayone '88.